

Works Cited

Rock the Vote - Register to Vote, Find Election Info, and More!, <https://www.rockthevote.org/>. Accessed 17 January 2023.

This source is the home of one of the most successful voter education websites that exist in the country. Rock the vote worked to increase voter turnout. Uniquely, it was founded by music executives in response to the censorship of hip hop in the 90's. This move inspired young people at the time to exercise their rights and vote for someone who represents their interest. From there, they've managed to develop the organization for the deployment of the most important and impactful messages and tactics needed to empower the most diverse generation in U.S history. This organization works to lead voter education in the youth and everyone else around the country. This benefits my capstone because I can learn from the moves they have made.

#NationalVoterEducationWeek #NVIEW, <https://votereducationweek.org/>. Accessed 18 January 2023.

This source gives details about National Voter week. Which is usually hosted closer to important elections each year, however there has been a push to get Americans, particularly getting young Americans to participate. National Voter week is an open source, non- partisan voter education event and campaign held in the first week of October. It's meant to equip voters with the information and tools they need to cast their ballots in the upcoming election. For my capstone I think it's important that I view sources with information on different ways to approach a voter education aspect. National Voter Education is not just an organization or campaign, it's a movement to increase knowledge and results. Argueta, Kimberly. "Voter education is more important than ever before - The Cougar." *The Daily Cougar*, 15 September 2020, <https://thedailycougar.com/2020/09/15/voter-education-is-more-important-than-ever-before/>. Accessed 18 January 2023.

This is a source based on how important voter education is and how it has become even more demanding. It discusses how it is important that every voter or soon to be voter make the appropriate effort to make sure they understand the most important key political issues and what's on their ballot, and how it impacts them in the near future. This sources suggest several things an individual needs to do to prepared themselves for an upcoming election. This source just give more insight in voter education process but also it helps me in my belief that if people had learn these things in high school, they wouldn't have to take the time to look through things that most might consider not worth their time. I view it's important to teach voting young and make it fun and inclusive for students.

He, Tiffany. "Philadelphia School Board passes resolution to promote city voter registration efforts." *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, 24 February 2022, <https://www.thedp.com/article/2022/02/student-voter-registration-education-resolution-philly-schools>. Accessed 23 January 2023.

This source is particularly important because it directly discusses voter education in the city and in the school district of Philadelphia. School districts around the country are working to increase voter registration and turnout by even giving highschool students recognition for their participation in their local and national elections. The School District along with several other groups worked to pass Student Voter Education and Registration Resolution which will help make sure students have access to civic education and engagement and voter registration education. This resolution was proposed in the beginning of 2022. As a student, I've seen an increase in voter education initiatives but it isn't enough. I believe that there needs to be action taken to implement these things in our schools regularly.

"Election Standards | The Carter Center." *Election Standards | The Carter Center*, <https://eos.cartercenter.org/parts/9>. Accessed 18 January 2023.

This source in particular gives a definition of what voter education is, which is beneficial for me to refer to during my capstone project because it's basically the gist of the initiative/ approach I'm trying to take. The source reflects, "Effective voter education efforts are crucial to ensuring that all potential voters have the necessary information not only to exercise their right to vote but also to understand and have confidence in the entire electoral process." It also reflects that it's more than just knowing, "...should also increase citizen awareness of their democratic rights and fundamental freedoms as well as the associated international obligations. Voter education can be provided by a number of potential sources, including state actors such as the electoral management body, political parties, and civil society. Regardless of the organization providing voter education, efforts should ensure that all potential voters—including women, minorities, and people with disabilities—have access to this information."

"The Power of the Youth Vote | Mindy Romero | TEDxUCDavis." *YouTube*, 17 May 2016, <https://youtu.be/T2jwSUhu7ok>. Accessed 17 January 2023.

The basis of this video is to discuss the importance of voting rights being essential for the youth. Here are three keys to voting 1. Every voter deserves to have fair access to cast a ballot and make their voice heard. 2. Unfortunately, after federal protections were weakened in 2013, a rash of voter suppression legislation followed in many states. 3. Educators are working to restore federal protections for voting rights. Mindy Romero associates that voting is mostly about power, "The power to affect real change on the issues you care about." She associates that the problem with elections is that young people

are voting in very low numbers, and part of that reason is misinformation and because they haven't been educated on the electoral process. However, the youth are those fighting for social change and movement, however, they have no more faith in the politics around them.

Mickens, Joann. "The Importance of Voting and Its Impact on Public Education." *Parents for Public Schools*, 28 October 2020,

<https://parents4publicschools.org/the-importance-of-voting-and-its-impact-on-public-education/>.

Accessed 17 January 2023.

This source directly connects the importance of voting and its impact on public education. First, it breaks down the importance of public education for the country, "Public education is integral to the future of our country..." It also discusses the issues facing most public schools due to officials in office and how people are participating in their communities to vote for people who will correct these issues, "Parents have been empowered to mobilize their efforts and spread the message about the attacks on public education. Parents also committed to registering citizens to vote, to meeting with candidates... ultimate goal is to have public school supporters vote for candidates who are committed to increasing funding for public schools and who will oppose efforts to privatize public education."

"Section 3: Key Election Process Categories Voter Education." *Open Election Data Initiative*,

<https://openelectiondata.net/en/guide/key-categories/voter-education/>. Accessed 18 January 2023.

What's important about this source is that it answers the importance of voter education and it breaks it down using the question-answering method. The questions this source approaches are, What is voter education, why is it important, and what examples of voter education data? "Voter education should also include information on when, where and how to register to vote, as well as when, where and how to vote," This quote in particular is something that I am also aiming to include and make more accessible. It's important that students begin to understand how things on our ballots connect to our addresses.

." *YouTube*, 10 August 2022, <https://youtu.be/dG43HYKdjYY>. Accessed 25 January 2023.

It's important for me to understand and be able to articulate how my capstone project is beneficial to the community it's serving. This video does just that by answering the question of how voter education is important and why starting in high school impacts students when they are able to cast their ballots in the future. Mara Suttman Lea teaches American Elections, which is the first time I've heard about a course directly related to voter education. In this Ted Talk, she defines voter education as the process of learning about voting. The purpose of her speech was to discuss how voter education leads to less

misinformation in our elections. She takes the definition of voter education far deeper than knowing how to cast your vote. “Voter Education is the education about the electoral process.”

“Voter Education & Registration Policy in Philadelphia High Schools.” *Action Network*,
<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/voter-education-registration-policy-in-philadelphia-high-schools>
Accessed 23 January 2023.

For this project, I have to know the gist of what I can do and what I can do. Especially when it comes to sharing something circling around political issues. This source is an opportunity to express to the School District what I would like to move forward with voter education and request more information about what I’m allowed to do as far as making it an actual implementation in our school and so forth. It isn't much for me to receive from this source but contact resources that I can use when I'm prepared to begin reaching out.