



GLOBAL CONCEPTS CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Policy
Policy Title: **Student Voter Registration**
Adopted: January 24, 2024

Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to encourage eligible students to register to vote and to participate in civic activity.

Policy Description

GCCS believes that getting young people involved in the election process helps to secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated, engaged voters who have formed the habit of voting and contributing to civic life early.

In accordance with the law, and in an effort to promote student voter registration, the Board directs the Chief Executive Officer or designee to offer all students who are at least 16 years old opportunities to register and pre-register to vote. Students who are 16 or 17 years old may pre-register. Students who are or will be at least 18 years old by the next election may register to vote. These students must be otherwise qualified to register to vote in New York State. Students pre-registering to vote will be automatically registered upon reaching the age of eligibility following verification of the person's qualifications and address.

GCCS will provide students with access to voter registration and pre-registration applications during the school year, and assistance with filing such applications. GCCS will inform students of the state requirements for voter registration and pre-registration. GCCS will meet these obligations by inviting students to register or pre-register after their 16th birthday, distributing registration materials to students through administrators and School Counselors. The Chief Executive Officer may implement other means of notifying students of their right to register or pre-register to vote and assisting their registration/pre-registration.

Policy Review

The Policy shall be formally reviewed by the Board Development Committee at minimum every three years or when revisions are necessary by actions of the Board of Trustees.