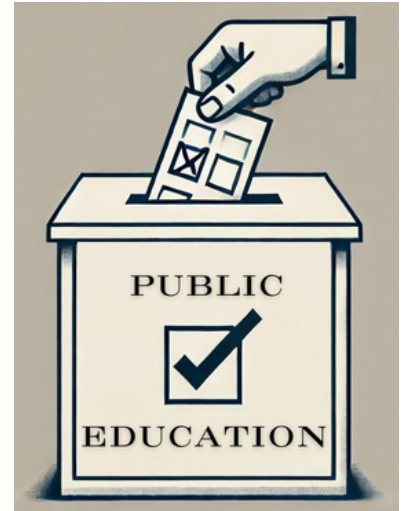


HOW TO BE AN “EDUCATION VOTER”

What is an “education voter”?

An “education voter” is an individual who prioritizes public education when making voting decisions. This means considering how candidates and policies will impact public schools, students, teachers, and the overall education system.

By becoming an education voter, you are taking an active role in shaping the future of public education.



HOW TO ENGAGE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES



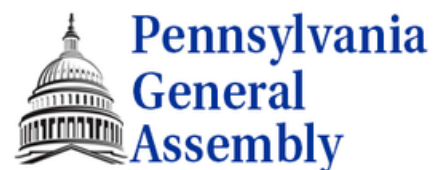
Check Voting Records on Education Issues:

Budget and Funding: Investigate how your representatives have voted on state or local budgets, particularly those affecting public school funding. Look for patterns in their support or opposition to increasing education funding.

Charter Schools and Vouchers: Examine their stance on charter school regulations and voucher programs. These votes can significantly impact the resources available to public schools.

Other Key Issues: Examples include – Special Education Funding, Equity in Education, Mental Health Services, Early Childhood Education, School Nutrition Programs, Transportation and School Busing, School Discipline Policies, Support for English Language Learners, Access to Arts and Extracurricular Activities.

- 1) Go to the official [PA General Assembly](#) website.
- 2) Search for legislation using either a keyword or a bill number.
- 3) Review Bill Information
- 4) Check Voting Records



CONTACT LEGISLATORS

Reach Out Directly: If you cannot find detailed information on a particular issue, consider contacting your representatives directly through the website for their stance or more information on the topic.

- If you see them at a community event
- Attend a town hall
- Email them
- Call Their Office

[Check out our toolkit one-sheet on “How To Call Your State Legislator”](#)

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



State Funding for Public Schools:

Question: Do you support increasing state funding for public schools, particularly in underfunded districts, to ensure all students have access to quality education?



Vouchers and Private School Funding:

Question: What is your position on taxpayer-funded voucher programs for private and religious schools? How do you believe these programs impact public education?



Charter School Accountability:

Question: Do you support reforms to charter school laws that would increase transparency and accountability while ensuring they do not divert necessary funds from traditional public schools?



Teacher Pay and Benefits:

Question: What measures would you support to ensure that teachers are fairly compensated and that their benefits, including pensions, are protected?