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BACK TO SCHOOL







As summer comes to an end, parents and students across Hillsborough County have headed back to school – and we are heading back, too! Every school year, my outreach team visits Hillsborough County high schools to give students the opportunity to register or pre-register to vote. (Students can pre-register to vote starting at age 16). Students must know their Florida driver license/ID number or the last four digits of their social security number to complete an application.

In addition to getting students #VoteReady, my team will also be promoting our annual VoteHillsborough Art Contest. This year, I am challenging high school students to design a new 'I Voted' sticker to be handed out during Early Voting in 2024. We are excited to announce that we are partnering with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Lightning and Busch Gardens for this year's contest, so finalists will receive some great prizes, too.

Follow us on social media or visit our website at VoteHillsborough.gov/VHContests to get contest details!

CHALLENGE: ACCEPTED!









Tampa Bay area employers, I have a challenge for you.

I'm asking you to offer your employees a truly meaningful way to participate in our democracy – by joining our team as an Election Day poll worker. This is a unique way to foster a sense of civic pride, increase community involvement, and further develop customer service, problem-solving and leadership skills among your staff.

One more thing. By law, we pay all of our poll workers for the work they do. So while you're giving employees the time off to participate, they'll also make some extra money.

Visit **VoteHillsborough.gov/Community** to learn more and get involved.

the flip side



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ACCESSIBLE VOTING

In Hillsborough County, we provide several options to make it easier for voters with disabilities to cast a ballot. Whether you would like to vote in person or have the election delivered to you, voters with disabilities have options!



Voting In Person with Assistance

If you decide to vote in person and require assistance while voting, you may bring an assistor with you or request assistance from our poll workers when you arrive. Once you receive your ballot and are at a privacy booth, your assistor can read the ballot to you, mark your selections on the ballot and put the ballot in the scanner to be tabulated.





Voting In Person Using an ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device

All of my voting sites are equipped with an ExpressVote ballot marking device that may be used by any voter upon request.

The ExpressVote will display your ballot on a screen and allow you to mark your ballot privately and independently, with the help of audio, enlarged text, braille, a sip and puff device and other helpful features. Once you make your selections, your ExpressVote ballot will be printed and provided to you to be tabulated in our DS200 ballot scanner.

Vote By Mail Using an Accessible, Electronic OmniBallot

OmniBallot is a remote ballot marking system that allows voters with disabilities to receive and mark their ballot on their computer and then mail it back to us. To use this service, you can call our office to request an accessible Vote By Mail ballot or make your request using our online Vote By Mail request form.



Find more information on all of these options at VoteHillsborough.gov.

the last word

Have you already marked your calendar with the 2024 election dates? If not, visit **VoteHillsborough.gov** to review upcoming dates and deadlines and make your voting plan today.

