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Now what do I do?

For what can I vote?

When you register to vote with the county election board, you are entitled to vote in school elections, municipal elections, county elections, state elections and federal elections.

When are elections held?

School elections are held regularly on the fourth Tuesday in January. Municipal elections are held in March and April (check with municipal officials for exact dates). County, state and federal elections are held during even-numbered years, with primaries on the fourth Tuesday in August, runoff primaries on the third Tuesday in September and general elections on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Can I vote in all primaries?

Oklahoma has a closed primary system. That means that only voters who are registered members of a recognized political party may vote for that party's candidates in primary and runoff primary elections. Voters who are registered Independents are **not** eligible to vote in party primaries and runoff primaries. However, nonpartisan judicial offices and state questions may appear on primary and runoff primary election ballots. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, are entitled to receive these ballots. In general elections, all registered voters receive identical ballots and vote on all offices and questions.

Can I receive special assistance?

Some voters are entitled to special assistance when they vote. Physically disabled voters who are unable to enter the election enclosure or who are unable to mark their ballots are eligible for special assistance. In addition, voters who are blind or visually disabled and voters who are illiterate are eligible for special assistance. Voters who cannot speak or read English may be entitled to some form of special assistance when voting. If you are entitled to some form of special assistance, you should consult the election officials at the polling place. They will help you.

Where do I vote?

The location of the polling place in your precinct is shown on your voter identification card. Occasionally, polling places are changed, so if you have any doubt about the location of your polling place, contact the county election board.



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When do I vote?

On election day, the polls open at 7 a.m. and remain open until 7 p.m. If you arrive at the polling place before 7 p.m., you are entitled to vote, even if you do not cast your ballot until after 7 p.m.

How do I vote?

When you arrive at the polling place, an election official will check to see that you are properly registered. (If your registration form is not "in the book," you still can vote by showing your voter identification card and signing an affidavit swearing that you are properly registered.) After your registration has been checked, you will sign the poll book and receive a set of ballots. Study the "valid markings" posted inside the voting booth. If you make a mistake, do not try to correct it. Instead, return all the ballots to the election officials. They will destroy the ballots and issue a new set to you. After marking all your ballots, return to the election officials, tear the numbered stub from the ballots and deposit your ballots in the ballot box.

Are school elections different?

School elections differ from other kinds of elections in two very important ways. First, school districts set the polling places, so you may vote at a different location. Second, registration records are not available to election officials at the polling place. When you sign the poll book at a school election, you are signing an oath that you are eligible to vote in the election. You are eligible to vote in a school election if you are registered at an address within the geographical boundaries of the school district holding the election. Your eligibility may be checked after the election, so before you sign, be sure you are eligible.

Are municipal elections different?

Municipalities organized under home rule charters may establish election procedures that are different than those used in other kinds of elections. All other municipalities conduct elections with the same procedures as for county elections, state elections and federal elections. You are eligible to vote in a municipal election if you are registered at an address located within the municipal limits of the municipality holding the election.

Voter Information From The State Election Board

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