

2025-2026 California Civic and Election Dates Sample Email

The following information provides a sample email to help you fulfill a requirement of the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act (SCVEA). California Community Colleges and California State Universities are required to send emails to their student bodies that contain updated election dates and other important information.

To learn more about how your campus can implement the SCVEA throughout the year, please view the [Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act Implementation Guide](#).

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Subject Important California Civic and Election Dates

Greetings <Insert Mascot Name>!

We want to prepare you for the 2026 election cycle by providing important dates and information. The first step to being prepared for the election is to register to vote or update your registration. Please review the voter registration options and resources below:

- Register to vote using the [college student voter registration link](#).
- [Check your voter registration status](#).

We also recommend adding the following dates to your calendar:

2026 Primary Election (Tuesday, June 2, 2026)

- **Monday, May 4:** No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.
- **Monday, May 4:** Counties offer early voting sites – to find a location and available times, please visit <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>
- **Monday, May 18:** Last day to register to vote online or by mail ahead of the Primary Election.
- **Tuesday, May 19 – Tuesday, June 2:** [Same Day Voter Registration](#) is available – voters can “conditionally” register and vote at a county elections office or polling location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Primary Election – polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2026 General Election (Tuesday, November 3, 2026)

- **Monday, October 5:** No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.
- **Monday, October 5:** Counties offer early voting sites – to find a location and available times, please visit <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>
- **Monday, October 19:** Last day to register to vote online or by mail ahead of the General Election.
- **Tuesday, October 20 – Tuesday, November 3:** [Same Day Voter Registration](#) is available – voters can “conditionally” register and vote at a county elections office or polling location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** General Election - polls are open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Additional Important Information:

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 16, 2025!

For more election information, visit the [California Secretary of State Students Vote Project](#) or the [state elections page](#).

Important Disclaimer: The civic and election information provided applies to the county where the campus is located. Election information varies by county. Visit the [county election offices resource page](#) to find the contact information for the county you are registered to vote in.

Best,
<Insert Name/Department>

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