



***VOTING RULES!* Grade 10**

Lesson Plan: Getting on the Ontario Register of Future Voters

This additional lesson plan is meant to accompany Lesson Plan 9. It can be used at the beginning or end of the lesson.

Focus

- The Ontario Register of Future Voters
- How students can get involved in an election

Lesson Goals

- **Voters List**

Students who are 18 years old, Canadian citizens and residents of Ontario can register themselves to the Voters List. People on the Voters List automatically receive information about when, where and ways to vote whenever a provincial election is held in their district. People on the Voters List are also served faster and more efficiently at the polls. Visit eregistration.elections.on.ca to register with Elections Ontario and elections.ca to register with Elections Canada.

- **Register of Future Voters *NEW***

Elections Ontario has established the Ontario Register of Future Voters (ORFV) allowing 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register for the Voters List. Information on the list is not shared and is used for election purposes only. Students can visit elections.on.ca to register to the list. People on the ORFV will automatically be transferred to the permanent Voters List on their 18th birthday.

Future voters are encouraged to demonstrate their commitment to active citizenship and their intent to participate in Ontario's democratic process by adding their names to the ORFV.

Outcomes

- Students get to recap ways they can get involved in the democratic process even if they are not yet eligible to vote.
- Students receive a preview of the new Ontario Register of Future Voters
- The Ontario Register of Future Voters was started in 2017. In 2018 the register will be fully automated and students will be able to add themselves using their personal devices.

Materials

- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation “Getting on the Ontario Register of Future Voters”
- Copies of Elections Ontario’s Application for Addition to the Ontario Register of Future Voters
- Access to Elections Ontario’s resources for Teachers and Students elections.on.ca/learn

Hook

Complete the following exercises and write the results on the board for discussion

- “How can I get involved in an election if I’m not 18 yet?”
In small groups students can explore the various ways teenagers can get involved in the election other than by voting, (refer to the Voting PowerPoint presentation)
- Introduce the Ontario Register of Future Voters to the class using the “Getting on the Ontario Register of Future Voters” PowerPoint presentation
As a class discuss and brainstorm possible benefits of the Ontario Register of Future Voters.
How does it relate to or differ from the Voters List?

Closure

Ask the students if they had successfully gotten on the Ontario Register of Future Voters.

- Why or why not?
- What was their experience using the on-line tool?

If students are not yet 16 or 17 ask them if they will register in the future.