
Maricopa County Community College Voter Engagement Plan: Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Fall 2018



Overview

ARS § 15-1895 requires each community college district, in consultation with the recognized student government at a community college under its jurisdiction, to adopt a plan to increase student voter registration and voting in elections that includes:

- ☑ Information about on-campus voter registration and voting opportunities made available in at least one of the following methods:
 - During new student orientation
 - During the issuance of student identification cards
 - In admissions packets
- ☑ Voter registration materials at central campus locations and high traffic areas
- ☑ Broad dissemination of information regarding:
 - Voter registration deadlines
 - Deadlines for delivering ballots by mail
- ☑ Links on institutional and administrative websites that detail the voter registration process
- ☑ Reasonable accommodations to county election officials for on-campus polling locations
- ☑ Encouragement to student government organizations to coordinate activities aimed at increasing voter registration and election turnout
- ☑ Policies to allow excused absence from classes for the purpose of voting
- ☑ Policies that prohibit the use of college resources and employees to influence elections
- ☑ An emphasis on efficiency and conservation of resources

The Maricopa County Community College District (“MCCCD”) and its associated colleges, aim to implement various methods for informing students of, disseminating information, and promoting voter registration.

Voter Engagement Team

The *Chandler-Gilbert Community College* Plan was created by the following voter engagement team members:

- Administration and Faculty
 - Primary Contact: Michael Greene, Student Life and Leadership, Director
 - Kishia Brock, Student Affairs, Vice President
 - Noel Morelos, Political Science, Faculty
- Council of Student Leaders
 - Charlie Riggs, President of Associated Students of Chandler-Gilbert Community College

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- Arvin Arasteh, Vice President of Associated Students of Chandler-Gilbert Community College
 - Club Collaboration
 - (ASCGCC)Associated Student of Chandler-Gilbert Community College Advisory Board
 - Community Partners
 - Campus Election Engagement Project
 - Sothern Poverty Law Center
 - Democracy Commitment
 - Maricopa County Recorders Office
 - Arizona Public Interest Research Group

Every election year prompts political activity in all sorts of venues, and MCCCDC both respects and encourages participation in the time-honored tradition of political activity on American college and university campuses. With that in mind, each of the District’s campuses has a plan consistent with the terms outlined in ARS § 15-1895 with the primary focus being to increase student voter registration and voting in elections.

Goals

This section should outline the goals set forth for your college and could be revised at any time to address unique circumstances and changes.

Example

1. Increase student voter registration through events and projects
2. Hold voter education events
3. Scheduled community presentations
4. Conduct trainings on democratic process and elections

Voter Engagement Plan

This section should detail exactly what your college’s plan will be and how you intend to accomplish the directives laid out in the overview. Example section headers and content could be:

Voter Registration

- Beginning of semester email to all students with voter registration eligibility and deadlines
- Get registered campaign prior to elections
- Coyote Connect messaging prior to elections
- In-class presentations

Voter Education

- Online links and information including your college websites, the Secretary of State, and the County Recorder
- The Democracy Commitment
- Social media
- On campus communication
- Faculty outreach
- Student participation
- ASCGCC

Voter Education Events and Projects

- Constitution Day
- Candidate forums
- Proposition forums

Resources

This section should describe the ways in which your Plan was accomplished. For example:

Budget

- \$1,000 for printing, events, and training

Materials

- Posters, handouts, buttons

Support

- Faculty expertise and donation of time from community partners

Assessment

This plan will be updated prior to election year with a cross functional team that will designate any changes to this document. Assessment will be surveys of faculty, staff and students to determine the effectiveness of this plan.