
Maricopa County Community College Voter Engagement Plan: Glendale Community College

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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**

(Bolded Items are in place or currently being facilitated at Glendale Community College)

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 *Glendale Community College* Plan was created by the following voter engagement team members:

- Administration and Faculty
 - Primary Contact: Connie Greenwell, Director, Student Life & Leadership
 - Student Leadership Center Staff and Student Employees
- Council of Student Leaders
 - The Associated Student Government (membership is scheduled to change annually) – The board is comprised of four officers (President, Vice President,

Treasurer, and Secretary) six board members from GCC Main and two from GCC North.

- Departmental and Club Collaboration
 - Library Faculty
 - GCC Amnesty International
- Community Partners
 - The League of Women Voters
 - Maricopa County Recorder's Office
 - One Arizona
 - AZ Clean Elections Campaign

Every election year prompts political activity in all sorts of venues, and MCCCCD 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

Voter Registration and Education activities at Glendale Community College are designed to spark the political interests of young adults while promoting civic engagement and global awareness of salient issues. Believing that an educated voter is the only type of voter to have, GCC participates in the annual National Voter Registration Day, GCC and MCCCCD are doing their part to educate both our internal and external communities as to the importance of registering to vote and becoming an educated voter.

(Please note that many of the activities are also held at Glendale Community College North)

Annual Goals:

1. Increase student voter registration through events and projects
2. Scheduled presentations for the college community and community at large
3. Conduct trainings on registering voters, voting processes and elections

Voter Engagement Plan

Voter Registration

- Voter Registration Forms are made available throughout the college (Admissions and Records, Student Life & Leadership)
- Welcome Week Tabling
- Get registered campaign throughout the academic year and summer. Intentional focus through the registration deadlines for voting
- Participation in the National Day of Voter Registration

Voter Education

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- Online links and information posted on the Leadership Center's webpage with language taken directly from the Secretary of State, and the County Recorder
 - The Democracy Commitment
 - Social media
 - On campus communication
 - Faculty outreach
 - Student participation

Voter Education Events and Projects

- Constitution Day
- Candidate forums
- The National Day of Voter Registration

Resources:

Budget

- \$1,000 for printing, materials, food for events, and potential training materials

Materials

- Posters, US Constitutions & Fun Facts, handouts, videos, stickers, buttons

Support

- Faculty expertise and donation of time from community partners for presentations

Assessment

The aforementioned events and/or resources are already in place and being used at Glendale Community College. Assessment is difficult due to not having numbers on the actual voters registered during a registration push. Tabling is held in open areas where numbers served are difficult to obtain.