
Maricopa County Community College Voter Engagement Plan: GateWay 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 GateWay Community College Plan was created by the following voter engagement team members:

- Administration and Faculty
 - Primary Contact: Jessie Palacio, Student Life & Leadership, Director
 - List additional members
- Student Activities Management (SAM) Council
 - Fereshtah Flores, Chair
 - Zara Doukoum, Vice Chair
 - Paulina Cuevas, Secretary
 - Eliseo Garcia, Communication Manager
 - Matthew Berkes, Event Manager
- Club Collaboration

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- Women’s Rising Organization
 - Male Empowerment Network
 - Hispanic Student Organization
 - Gay Straight Alliance

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

1. Increase student voter registration through events and projects
2. Scheduled community/classroom presentations
3. Conduct leadership 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
- New Student Orientation

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

Voter Education Events and Projects

- Constitution Day
- Candidate 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 section should detail your assessment of the Plan. For example, what challenges do you anticipate with rollout and goal achievement? How do you plan on measuring success?