

The Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk or a Board designee to provide absentee ballots to qualified district voters. Absentee ballots may be used for the election of School Board members, for the adoption of the annual budget and referenda, and for any special meeting of the district voters.

A district voter must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. Only those individuals whose voter registration is marked "permanently disabled" will have an absentee ballot automatically mailed to them each year.

The voter must complete the application for an absentee ballot and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear in person on the day of the district election. The application form can be submitted by mail or in person. The District Clerk or designee must receive the form according to the following timetable:

- Seven (7) days prior to the voting date if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter;
- The day before the election if the ballot is to be personally provided to the voter.

Pursuant to the provisions of Education Law, a district voter is eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the following conditions:

- (a) A patient in a hospital or unable to appear because of illness or physical disability;
- (b) Duties, occupation, business or studies requiring the voter to be outside the county of residence;
- (c) Vacation outside the county of residence;
- (d) Incarceration in jail or prison (with the exception of convicted felons, who are not permitted to vote).

The absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk or designee no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be maintained by the District Clerk or designee and made available for public inspection during regular office hours until the day of the election. The list must be posted in a conspicuous place during the election.

Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of an absentee ballot. A written statement must state the reason for such challenge and must be filed with the District Clerk or designee, or with the election inspectors prior to the close of the polls on the day of the district election.

LEGAL REF: NYS Education Law Sections 2014 and 2018-a

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