

CAMPUS ORGANIZING GUIDE

2026 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Know your rights. Make a plan. Protect Democracy.



TURN ENERGY INTO ACTION ON CAMPUS

LGBTQ+ students are ready to vote. Your role isn't to convince people voting matters—it's to help them navigate deadlines, registration, voting options, and their plan to participate. Small actions can make a big difference.

FOUR STEPS TO A VOTING PLAN

01 CHOOSE WHERE TO VOTE

If you're attending school away from home, you may be eligible to vote in either your home state or your college state—but not both. Help students understand their options and decide early.

02 REGISTER TO VOTE

Register early and confirm your registration is active, complete, and tied to the correct address.

03 DECIDE WHEN & HOW TO VOTE

Encourage students to decide exactly how they'll vote—in person, early, or by mail—and what they'll need to make it happen.

04 VOTE

Show up, stay in line, and make your voice heard. If something goes wrong, ask for help and know your rights. Encourage a friend to vote with you — participation is contagious.

WHAT RESEARCH SAYS

92% OF LGBTQ+ VOTERS SAY THEY DEFINITELY PLAN TO VOTE

65% ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT VOTER ID ISSUES



GOOD NEWS: MOST STUDENTS ARE ALREADY MOTIVATED

Research shows LGBTQ+ voters who:

- Register early
- Confirm their registration
- Make a voting plan

are highly likely to follow through.

Your job is to remove barriers, not create motivation.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS & VOTING WHILE TRANS

Research shows many LGBTQ+ voters are concerned about voter ID issues and being questioned at the polls.

- You have the right to vote if you are registered and eligible
- If there's a problem, ask for a provisional ballot
- If polls close while you're in line, stay in line
- You can bring someone to assist you

**VOTING WHILE TRANS: [TRANSEQUALITY.ORG/VOTING](https://transequality.org/voting)
NEED HELP? 866-OUR-VOTE**



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