

Virginia Voting Plan

Read how preparation, dates, and procedures support informed voting.

CE.10.b "evaluating voting responsibilities, voting dates, voting and processes in Virginia; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each voter responsibility, circle each voting date or time, and number the three voting-site actions in paragraph 3 in the order they happen.

A Prepared Virginia Voter

- ① Voting in Virginia is both a right and a responsibility. Before choosing, a voter can learn about candidates and ballot questions from reliable sources, compare views, and discuss issues respectfully. A voter should check registration information, know the polling place or early-voting site, and make a plan for transportation, identification, and time. Voters should protect the privacy of every ballot and accept election results while using lawful ways to express concerns. Careful preparation helps each voter make an informed choice.
- ② For many Virginia elections, Election Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A person in line by 7 p.m. may vote. In-person early voting usually begins 45 days before an election and ends on the Saturday before Election Day. A voter who misses the regular registration deadline may use same-day registration during the remaining period, but will cast a provisional ballot that election officials review.
- ③ At a voting site, an election officer checks the voter in and gives instructions. The voter marks choices privately, then returns the ballot as directed. Paper ballots are usually scanned, while election officials follow set procedures for counting and reviewing ballots. Virginia also allows voters to request an absentee ballot by mail without giving a reason. A voter should read the ballot materials, follow every instruction, and return the ballot by the required deadline. These steps support a secure, orderly election.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two actions a voter can take before voting to make an informed choice.

2 When does in-person early voting usually begin and end in Virginia?

3 A voter reaches the polling place at 6:55 p.m. but is still in line at 7 p.m. Can the voter vote? Use evidence from the passage.

4 What can a voter do after missing the regular registration deadline, and what kind of ballot will the voter cast?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a four-sentence voting plan for an eligible Virginia voter who will vote in person early. Include how the voter will prepare, when the voter can vote early, and how the voter will protect ballot privacy.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each voter responsibility, circle each voting date or time, and number the three voting-site actions in paragraph 3 in the order they happen. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two actions a voter can take before voting to make an informed choice.	Learn about candidates and ballot questions from reliable sources, and compare views. Other acceptable actions include checking registration information, finding a voting site, or making a transportation, identification, and time plan.
2	When does in-person early voting usually begin and end in Virginia?	It usually begins 45 days before an election and ends on the Saturday before Election Day.
3	A voter reaches the polling place at 6:55 p.m. but is still in line at 7 p.m. Can the voter vote? Use evidence from the passage.	Yes. A person who is in line by 7 p.m. may vote.
4	What can a voter do after missing the regular registration deadline, and what kind of ballot will the voter cast?	The voter may use same-day registration during the remaining period and will cast a provisional ballot that election officials review.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would compare candidates and ballot questions using reliable sources. I would check my registration information and find an early-voting site. I would vote during the period that begins 45 days before the election and ends on the Saturday before Election Day. I would follow the officer's instructions and mark my ballot privately.

Accept plans that include a preparation action, the correct early-voting time period, and a clear action that protects ballot privacy. Students may use different responsible preparation actions from the passage.