

**GRADE: 6-12, Intermediate (Lesson 6)**

# It's Ballot Time!

Objectives:

1. The student will use a sample ballot to practice voting.

Materials and Resources needed:

1. Pencil
2. Kids Voting sample ballot
3. Sample ballot

Suggested Teaching Time: (20 minutes)

1. (10 Minutes) Review the Kids Voting sample ballot and/or the sample ballot.
2. (5 Minutes) Demonstration.
3. (5 minutes) Student activity.

Next Generation Standards for Social Studies:

1. Standard 1: Demonstrate an understanding of the origins and purposes of government, law, and the American political system.
2. Standard 2: Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.
3. Standard 3: Demonstrate an understanding of the principles, functions, and organization of government.

Optional Lesson Enhancement Resources:

<u>Websites</u>	<u>Web Address</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Leon County Supervisor of Elections	<a href="http://www.leonvotes.org">www.leonvotes.org</a>	Information on Leon County Elections
2. Florida Division of Elections	<a href="http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/voting-info.shtml">http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/voting-info.shtml</a>	Information on Florida Elections



## Activity

1. Show the students the Kids Voting sample ballot and/or a sample ballot.
2. Review the candidates and the issues on the ballots.
3. Demonstrate how to fill out the ballot with the students. Possible ways:
  - a. Print out sample ballot
  - b. Use document camera or other technology
4. Remind the students that this is a SAMPLE and that it is **PRACTICE** for when they really vote.
5. **PRACTICE** voting using the sample ballot. Remind students that this is only PRACTICE.