

# POLICY

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By-Laws

## **SUBJECT: ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

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 and for the adoption of the annual budget and referenda.

A District voter must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear in person on the day of the District election. The application must be received by the District Clerk/designee at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally 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) Illness or physical disability;
- b) Business responsibilities or studies which require travel outside of the county of residence on the day of the election;
- c) Vacation outside of the county of residence; or
- d) Detention or confinement to jail after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk/designee not 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/designee and made available for public inspection. Any qualified voter challenging the acceptance of an absentee ballot must file a written statement with the District Clerk/designee or inform the election inspectors on the day of the District election.

Education Law Sections 2014, 2018-a and 2018-b

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