

Links

Kids Voting South Dakota Curriculum

Useful links to: National, State, & Local Politics, Election Information, and Media Resources.

Can I Vote www.canivote.org Looking for information on Voter Registration or even whether you are a Registered Voter--check out this great web page brought to you by the National Association of Secretaries of States <http://www.nass.org/>. Provides voting information on all 50 states.

C-Span www.c-span.org/ C-span provides indepth coverage of a variety of public affairs events and is an excellent resource for state and national campaigns. The "Classroom" section has great resources for teachers on civics and United States Government.

Cagle Cartoons www.caglecartoons.com feature some of the best political (editorial) cartoons out there. Allows you to search by topic. Excellent resource for educators!

Declare Yourself www.declareyourself.com Declare Yourself is a national nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign to energize and empower a new movement of young voters to participate in the 2008 presidential election. It is a "must see" web site for any young person who wants to learn more about registering, voting, candidates, issues, and getting civically involved.

E-Democracy <http://www.publicus.net/articles/edemresources.html> Frequently updated online resources with links and announcements directly related to e-democracy from across the Internet compiled by Steven Clift.

Election Assistance Commission <http://www.eac.gov/> The EAC was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Central to its role, the Commission serves as a national clearinghouse and resource for information and review of procedures with respect to the administration of Federal elections.

Electionline www.electionline.org...electionline.org is a project of the Pew Center on the States and is the **ONLY** non-partisan, non-advocacy website providing up-to-the minute news and analysis on election information and reform. Established by Pew after the 2000 Election, electionline has become the leading source for journalists, policymakers, elections officials, educators, and concerned citizens to learn about, discuss, and debate election issues.

Federal Election Commission www.fec.gov The FEC monitors candidates for federal office for compliance with campaign spending laws, so this site includes data on campaign expenditures. The site also features a great deal of useful information on voter turnout (state, national, and international), past presidential and congressional election results, and voter registration requirements by state.

Gallup Poll <http://poll.gallup.com/> A tremendous resource for researching issues; provides the viewer with polling information on a variety of topics from A-Z.

IFES www.ifes.org: IFES originally stood for the International Foundation for Election Systems but now just uses the acronym IFES. It is an international non-governmental organization that supports the building of democratic societies and is an excellent resource for comparing/contrasting elections around the world.

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) www.idea.int/ is an intergovernmental organization that promotes sustainable democracy worldwide.

Kids Voting USA www.kidsvotingusa.org The national Kids Voting web site provides current research information and the latest happenings on Kids Voting affiliates across the country under "Newsroom." The "Student Hangout" section includes information about contests and provides an opportunity for young people to give input. The "In the Classroom" section provides participating Kids Voting teachers links to the new Kids Voting Citizenship lessons. Teachers must have an ID and password to access the lessons, which can be obtained from the Kids Voting Director of each affiliate or state organization.

National Association of Counties [http://www.naco.org/](http://www.naco.org) Excellent resource for information about counties including the history of county government, basic forms of county government, locating counties, and other data and demographic information.

National Association of Secretary of States <http://www.nass.org/> Wonderful resource on election information in general and for all the states.

National Conference of State Legislators www.ncsl.org/ The web site of National Conference of State Legislatures provides excellent nationwide coverage of gubernatorial and state legislative races and ballot issues.

On the Issues www.ontheissues.org/default.htm Excellent web page that provides a breakdown on every state & federal political leader and his/her view on most issues. Provided for all U.S. states. Also highlights the candidates running for President in 2008 and their stand on most campaign issues.

Project Vote Smart www.vote-smart.org This site supplies an impressive array of information on politics generally and in every state. The site lists the candidates for all gubernatorial, congressional, and state legislative races across the country, provides basic biographical information on the candidates, and gives the candidates' positions on issues (if the candidates have responded to Vote Smart's questionnaire). It also provides detailed information on state ballot measures, with links to election officials in each state so that the user can read the text of ballot propositions; supplies extraordinarily useful background information on the workings of federal and state governments; provides information on dozens of issues, with links to advocacy groups and various political and policy-oriented web sites (under "Issue Links"). The site also provides a district finder so that you can find out what congressional or state senate or house district you live in simply by typing in your nine-digit zip code.

Politics1 www.politics1.com An excellent, comprehensive source of political news, Politics1 is the ultimate guide to U.S. Politics & Elections. Excellent resource for campaign buttons.

Political Cartoons www.politicalcartoons.com For those who wish to view politics through the eyes of cartoonists, this is an excellent site to visit.

The Polling Report <http://www.pollingreport.com/> This site provides nonpartisan voter information on candidates at the federal and state levels. It covers candidates backgrounds, issue positions, voting records, and campaign finances. You'll also find voter registration information (how to, election dates, local election office phone numbers, etc.)

Rock the Vote <http://www.rockthevote.com/home.php> Provides excellent information about why individuals (especially the 18-24 year age group) should register and vote. Also great resource for educators as it provides comparative voter registration information on the states.

Stateline (www.stateline.org) Stateline offers another good source of state-by-state information on state government and state newspaper coverage.

The White House www.whitehouse.gov For general information on the federal government, the White House's web site is an excellent resource.

270 to Win: www.270towin.com It takes 270 Electoral Votes to win the Presidential Election. This excellent web site allows students a chance to follow the road to the White House, via each state's electoral vote. Wonderful, colorful maps and historical information on past elections.

USElection Atlas: [http://www.uselectionatlas.org/](http://www.uselectionatlas.org) The Atlas is a free internet resource that provides users with an opportunity to research all Presidential elections in U.S. History. Data is collected from many official sources and presented in the "Atlas" in one convenient location.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

South Dakota Official State Government Website: <http://sd.gov/> This site provides access to the Governor's web page and web sites of other statewide elected officials (Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, School & Public Lands, Public Utilities Commissioners, state legislators, Supreme Court Justices, and links to the US Congressional Delegation. It provides a list of other state agencies too!

South Dakota Legislative Research Council: <http://legis.state.sd.us> This is the official website of the South Dakota Legislature. You will find information on State Legislators, Legislative Sessions from 1997 to present, the South Dakota Constitution, South Dakota Codified Laws, Administrative Rules, and other information on the Legislature. Looking for a way to stay current on legislative issues? Sign up for a [MyLRC](#) account. With MyLRC you can create customized lists of Bills, Statutes, Rules, and other information, and sign up for email notifications based on the lists you have created.

South Dakota Secretary of State: www.sdsos.gov/ For statewide election coverage, this is a "must see" web page. In the Elections & Voter Registration section of the Secretary of State web site you will find information pertaining to Registering & Voting, Election Process, Upcoming Elections, Board of Elections, Campaign Finance, Help America Vote Act, Past Elections, Election Resources, Voter Information Portal Absentee Ballots and Election Returns. The Secretary of State is a strong advocate for Kids Voting SD!