

# SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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### **Clerk Katharine E. Clark and the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Invites Families to Participate in KidsVote This Election Season**

**Santa Fe County, NM** — Clerk Katharine E. Clark and the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office are excited to once again offer KidsVote: Practice Makes Future Voters during early voting for the 2025 Regular Local Election. KidsVote gives children the chance to learn about democracy firsthand while their parents or guardians cast a ballot.

When families visit the polls, children can fill out a practice ballot on fun, kid-friendly topics—like favorite ice cream flavors—and then submit their ballot into a real tabulator. Just like adult voters, kids receive an “I Voted” sticker to take home. The program is designed to make elections a family-friendly experience while teaching students about the importance of voting.

“The earlier we involve young people in elections, the more likely they are to become lifelong voters,” said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. “KidsVote shows children that their voices matter, and voting supports your community.”

#### **Where and When to Participate**

KidsVote will be available at two early voting locations this election season:

- **Clerk's Office (240 Grant Ave., Santa Fe, NM)**
  - October 7 – November 1
  - Mon–Fri, 8am–5pm
  - *Open one Saturday only: Nov. 1, 10am–6pm*
  - *Closed Monday, Oct. 13 for Indigenous People's Day*
- **Nancy Rodriguez Community Center (1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, NM)**
  - October 18 – November 1
  - Saturdays, 10am–6pm
  - Tues–Fri, 11am–7pm

**Building Civic Habits Early**

KidsVote aligns with the Clerk's Office mission to build civic awareness and prepare future generations of voters. By using practice ballots, stickers, and real voting equipment, the program removes barriers for working families—no extra childcare needed—while ensuring kids walk away with a fun and educational experience.

Santa Fe County is proud to spearhead innovative, community-oriented outreach programs like KidsVote that was started in 2024. We are thrilled to see other counties beginning to follow in our footsteps, and we welcome the opportunity for our efforts to inspire broader youth engagement across New Mexico. The Clerk's Office believes that when our work is replicated, the impact multiplies—helping future voters far beyond Santa Fe County.

For more information about KidsVote and other election programs, visit our [KidsVote webpage](#).

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