

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Invites Schools to Schedule KidsVote Visits for 2026

Santa Fe, NM — The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is now accepting requests to bring KidsVote: Practice Makes Future Voters directly into classrooms for the 2026 school year.

KidsVote is a hands-on civic education program that helps students learn how elections work in a fun, age-appropriate way. Through real tabulators and mock ballots featuring lighthearted questions, students experience the voting process while building confidence and curiosity about civic participation.

The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office launched KidsVote in 2024 and is excited to continue growing the program by meeting our community where they are and breaking down barriers to participation. We were also encouraged to see other counties follow our lead by launching their own KidsVote-style programs in 2025. Expanding youth participation in democracy is a goal New Mexico can achieve when counties work together to share ideas and build innovative civic education programs.

In 2026, the Clerk's Office will expand KidsVote through KidsVote: Democracy Delivered, a new format that brings the program directly to schools, eliminating transportation and cost barriers that can make field trips difficult.

“By taking KidsVote into classrooms, we’re making civic education accessible to every school that wants to participate,” said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. “Early engagement helps build trust in elections and empowers future voters.”

How to Participate

- Teachers and administrators: Contact the Clerk's Office to request a KidsVote visit.
- Parents and caregivers: Share this opportunity with your child's school or educator.

To schedule a KidsVote visit or learn more, contact Margaret Gouws, Voter Outreach Coordinator, at elections@santafecountynm.gov.

Additional information and outreach updates are available at SantaFe.vote.

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