



Primary election registration

To vote in Ohio for the March 6 primary election, voters must be registered by Feb. 6.

Anyone can download a registration form from www.butlercountyelections.org or pick up one at Lane Public Library or the Oxford municipal building.

When registering, voters do not have to declare themselves as Republican, Democrat, or Independent. But when you vote in a primary election, your vote will determine your party affiliation.

On election day in Ohio, by requesting a political party ballot, the voter becomes a registered Democrat or registered Republican. Once they have voted that ballot, the party affiliation designation can only be changed by requesting a different party or Issues Only ballot in the next Primary Election. All voters are initially referred to as No Party until a primary ballot has been cast.

All state primaries are different, so students who want to vote at home should check their own state or county boards of election.

In Oxford, students can vote at their polling locations between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and **must bring proper identification** materials, such as a photo ID or utility bill.

Many precincts will be at the Shriver Center; however, students should check the elections website to check their polling location. Voters can also vote early by requesting an absentee ballot through the website.

The Butler County Board of Elections can be contacted at (513) 887-3700 or www.butlercountyelections.org for further information.