



Kids Voting Shakopee Position Statement

Kids Voting Shakopee is a member of Kids Voting USA, a nonprofit, nonpartisan community organization that prepares and motivates future voters with nationally acclaimed curriculum and hands-on voting experience on Election Day. Recognizing a growing trend of low voter turnout, Kids Voting is a community-based solution to building a strong generation of voters for the future. Kids Voting believes that if kids experience civic involvement they will create a habit of informed voting that will last through their adult years.

Kids Voting Shakopee is a community organization not influenced by any school, business, political party or individual. Rather, it is directed by the community as a whole and guided by a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from a variety of sectors. The Committee has created a slogan for Kids Voting Shakopee, which speaks to the heart of the program: “Building the next generation of voters.”

The primary goal of the Kids Voting Shakopee Steering Committee is to establish the Kids Voting program as a consistent component of all General Elections and any other election that affects all residents of the Shakopee School District. In achieving this goal, the Committee works to involve parents, schools and community members in encouraging young people to study the candidates and issues and then vote in the Kids Voting Election.

To maintain a successful program, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

- ◆ The Kids Voting program be held every General Election and any other election that affects all residents of the Shakopee School District.
- ◆ All schools, teachers and the Shakopee community support the activities of Kids Voting.
- ◆ All students be urged to go to the polls with an adult role model every time the Kids Voting program is held.

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