

GRAC Community Conversation



**New England Association
for College Admission Counseling**

Opening Doors to Higher Education in New England

Election 2020

Hello!

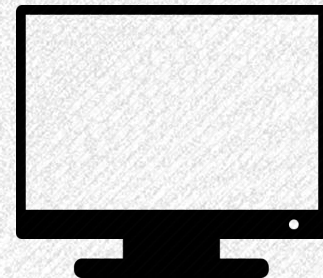


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Online Meeting Essentials



- **Recording:** This meeting will be recorded for archival and future reference purposes. It will be posted on the NEACAC website.
- **Video:** Please choose a video setting that you are comfortable with, if you need a Zoom break we understand!
- **Microphones:** All attendees will be muted, and please remain on mute unless you'd like to speak.
- **Recommended View: Speaker**



Goals of Government Relations Advisory Committee

**Develop avenues for
dialogue with local
policy-making
communities and with
allied associations
having common causes.**

**Establish a New England
communication network
that can monitor, report
and take action on state
and federal legislation
important to NEACAC and
to secure a list of NEACAC
members of Congress.**

**Establish clear lines
of communication
with the National
GRAC committee.**



Today's Timeline

Political v. Partisan

1.

Voting

2.

Conversing

3.

Political not Partisan

New America

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**“Voting is the expression of
our commitment to ourselves,
one another, this country, and
this world.”**

Sharon Salzberg

History of Voting

1700's: voters = white, male, property owners; controlled by state legislatures.

1800's: barriers began to recede, but poll taxes, literacy tests were still common in some states.

1920: The 19th amendment passes, granting women the right to vote

1960 Decade of voting reform:

- Bloody Sunday March from Selma to Montgomery
- 1965 Voting Rights Act required localities to get preclearance on fair voting plans
- Poll tax repeal by the 24th amendment in 1966.

1971: Young people earn the right to vote when minimum age drops from 21 to 18

1975: Voting Rights Act provides for multilingual voting materials and assistance.

1982: voting protections for people with disabilities; Voting Rights Act extended 25 years

1993: Motor Voter Act

2000: Do you remember the hanging chads? → provisional ballots

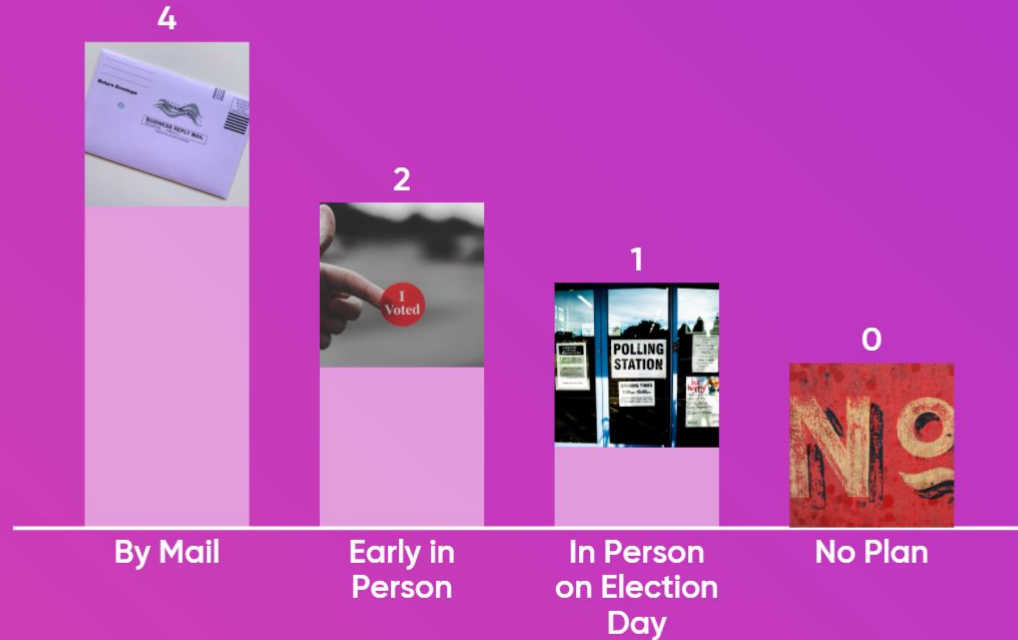
2013: Supreme Court overturns preclearance in 5-4 decision

2014 → Present: continued controversy over voter suppression, fraud, gerrymandering

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How do you plan to vote this year?



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How to vote in New England

Connecticut

- Voter Registration:
 - Received by Tue Oct 27, 2020
 - Postmarked by Tue Oct 27, 2020
 - Your voter registration application must be postmarked or received by October 27, 2020. You may also register in person by October 27, 2020.
 - Election Day Registration is not available at your polling place, but is available at a designated Election Day Registration (EDR) location in each town, beginning at 6 am and ending at 8 pm. You will register and vote at the designated EDR location in your town.
- Vote by Mail application deadline: Absentee ballot applications are being sent to every registered voter and include a postage-paid return envelope. Or you can apply online by October 27th.
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd at 8 PM
 - You may return your absentee ballot application by using the safe and secure absentee ballot drop box that is stationed outside your Town Hall, or mail it directly to your Town Clerk.
- Can I vote early in Connecticut?
 - Early voting is not available in Connecticut.
- Secretary of State resources available [here](#).

Maine

- Voter Registration:
 - In person: November 3rd
 - Mail: October 13th
 - There is no cut-off date for registering to vote in person at your town office or city hall. If you want to register to vote by mail or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on October 13, the 21st day before the election.
- Vote by Mail application deadline: October 29th by 5 PM
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd by 8 PM
- Can I vote early in Maine?
 - You may vote absentee at the clerk's office as soon as absentee ballots are available. The deadline for absentee voting in person is October 29, 2020.
- Secretary of State resources available [here](#).

Massachusetts

- Voter Registration: October 24th
- Vote by Mail application deadline: October 28th
 - Absentee ballots must be requested in writing and must be received by at least October 28, 2020, 4 business days before Election Day.
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd close of polls
 - For the 2020 Election, ballots will need to be postmarked by November 3 and reach your local election office no later than November 6 in order to be counted.
- Can I vote early in Massachusetts?
 - In-person early voting will be held from October 17-30, 2020.
- Secretary of State resources available [here](#).

New Hampshire

- Voter Registration: Varies by municipality from October 21-28. Same-day registration is available state-wide.
- Vote by Mail application deadline: November 2nd
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd at 5 PM
- Can I vote early in New Hampshire?
 - No

Rhode Island

- Voter Registration: October 4th
 - NOTE: Rhode Island allows for same day voter registration for the Presidential Election ONLY. If you miss the voter registration deadline, you can register to vote on Election Day, but you will only be able to vote for President and Vice President. You will not be able to vote in any state, local, or other federal races. You can only register and vote on Election Day at the location designated by your [local board of canvassers](#).
- Vote by Mail application deadline: October 13th
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd
 - The Board of Elections must receive your mail ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Can I vote early in Rhode Island?
 - Early voting period November General Election: October 14 – November 2
- Secretary of State resources available [here](#).

Vermont

- Voter Registration: N/A
 - There is no deadline to register, you may register to vote up to and including the day of the election
- Vote by Mail application deadline: November 2nd at 5 PM
 - All early voter absentee ballot requests must be submitted by 5 p.m. or by the close of the town clerk's office on Nov 2.
- Vote by mail ballot is due: November 3rd
 - All ballots must be returned to the town clerk's office before the close of the office on Nov 2, or to the polling place before 7 p.m. on the day of the election, in order to be counted.
- Can I vote early in Vermont?
 - The early voting period runs from Monday, September 21, 2020 to Monday, November 2, 2020.
- Secretary of State resources available [here](#).

My School Votes

You can lead these conversations within your school!

Project to encourage dialogue and registration at schools by When We All Vote.

[Toolkit with Action Plan](#)

The logo for 'When We All Vote' is displayed within a dark blue rectangular box. The text 'WHEN WE ALL VOTE' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The word 'VOTE' is slightly larger and more prominent than the other words. A red checkmark is superimposed over the letter 'O' in 'VOTE'.

WHEN WE ALL VOTE

“Voting can feel like the furthest thing from your mind, but that’s exactly what some people want you to think. The truth is when we stay home, things stay the same or get worse.”

Michelle Obama

What issue(s) are driving your vote?



A word cloud visualization of issues driving votes. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around a central point. The most prominent words are 'equality' and 'education', which are the largest. Other words include 'decency', 'early childhood edu', 'civic duty', 'equal rights - euqity', 'science', 'acceptance', 'healthcare', 'parental leave', 'womens rights', and 'presidential election'.

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Resources:

- ★ [When We All Vote](#)
- ★ [Ballot Measure Scorecard](#)
- ★ [Ballot Ready](#)
- ★ [All In: The Fight for Democracy](#)
[Documentary](#)

Thanks

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