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## **Initiatives On Civic Education:** Bringing It Alive In The Classroom

# My Election, My Vote (Connecticut Election Project)

An effort led by Secretary Merrill in conjunction with teachers, partner organizations, and other individuals with an interest in bringing elections alive in the classroom.

Ideas for Teachers

Encourage Students to Register and Vote

Inform and Involve Citizens





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State & Local  
Elections



National  
Elections



Digital  
Literacy



Additional Material  
for K-5



# Red, White & Blue Schools Initiative

Launched in 2016, this program aims to promote the importance of civic involvement among Connecticut students of all ages (grades K-12).



- Follow a different yearly theme, chosen by the Secretary's Office, the Department of Education, and Connecticut's Old State House
- Schools submit documents, reports, lesson plans, and photographs to a committee
- Recognized as a Red, White & Blue school by the Secretary of the State



# Red, White & Blue Schools Initiative

Some schools receive awards for particularly outstanding or especially creative programs.





# Connecticut's Kid Governor®

A national award-winning civics program for 5th graders created by the Connecticut Democracy Center.



- A turn-key program that prepares students for active and meaningful civic life
- Offers schools the opportunity to enter one student candidate into a statewide election that other 5th graders vote in
- Timed to coincide with Election Day in November
- An opportunity for students to engage with civic life by exercising his or her right to vote, lead, and take informed action on important issues







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