

Welcome to Early Voting –
an informational
presentation

History

In the 2023 legislative session, the General Assembly authorized in-person early voting for elections held after April 1, 2024. Under this schedule, the first election utilizing early voting will be the Presidential Preference Primary held April 2, 2024.

Definition – What is early voting?

Early voting is the opportunity for voters to cast their ballots prior to election day. This can take many forms, depending on the state, such as allowing in-person early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, or all-mail voting.

How Long Does Early Voting Last?

The length of the early voting period depends on the type of election:

Days

Election Type

14

General Election

7

Most Primaries

4

Special Elections / Presidential Preference
Primary



2024 Election Schedule

2024 Presidential Preference Primary VOTING Poll Schedule

Tues, March 26 –Thurs 28 and Saturday 30	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday, April 2	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

2024 State Primary VOTING Poll Schedule

Monday, August 5 – Sunday, August 11	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm <i>Except for 8/6 & 8/8 hours are 8:00am - 8:00pm</i>
Tuesday, August 13	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

2024 General Election VOTING Poll Schedule

Monday, October 21 – Sunday, November 3	Early In person Voting 10:00am - 6:00pm <i>Except for 10/29 & 10/31 hours are 8:00am - 8:00pm</i>
Tuesday, November 5	Election Day 6:00am – 8:00pm

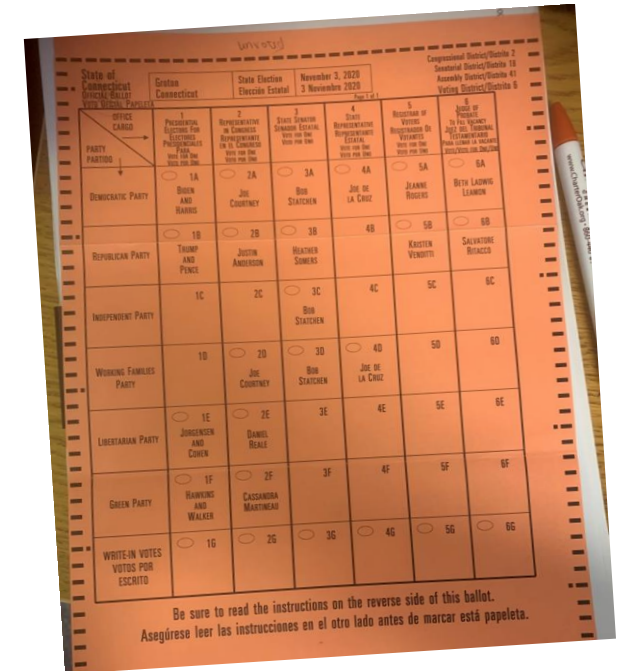
What do I need to do to vote early?

Under the new law, a person must:

- ✓ Appear in person at an early voting location when it is open
- ✓ Identify themselves just as if they were voting in person on election day (e.g., showing adequate identification or signing an affidavit attesting to his or her identity)
- ✓ Declare under oath that he or she has not previously voted in the election

Other Information on Early Voting

- There will be signage in front of Town Hall, on days of early voting.
- There will other signage outside Town Hall for:
 - Curbside voting (including a telephone number)
- Inside Town Hall, Head to Town Clerks office/small conference room.
- Early voting will be in the small conference room.
- Unlike Absentee Ballots, you will NOT have the opportunity to change your vote after it is cast



How do Registrars Handle your Ballot? (before the Primary)

- Early Voting Ballots are checked off via the Checker's List
- Early Ballots are Sealed in a bag and locked in a secure area of Town Hall
- They will be entered into the tabulator on day of primary/
election day.

How do Registrars Handle your Ballot? (Primary Day/Election Day)

- 1) Envelope is inspected
- 2) Envelope is opened
- 3) Ballot is removed, stacked, shuffled, unfolded.
- 4) Ballot is run through tabulator (we do **NOT** look at how *anyone* has voted)

FAQs

Q1 If I am not registered to vote, can I vote early in a **general election**?

A2 Under **existing** law, a person can register to vote on election day for a general election through election-day registration. The **new** law adapts this system to allow individuals to register to vote any time during the early voting period for general elections, and cast his or her vote the same day.

FAQs

Q2 If I am not affiliated with a political party, can I vote early in a **primary election**?

A2 The new law allows individuals who are **not registered AND unaffiliated** with a political party to register to vote and join a party during the early voting period for a primary. However, the individual **must wait at least one day after enrolling before they can cast their vote in that primary.** Voters who are already registered may only vote in the primary if they are affiliated with the party before the early voting period begins.

How Will Registrars Know if you Have Voted Early?

- 1) Currently if an elector has voted via Absentee, there is an **A** placed next to your name when we run the checker book
- 2) There will be a similar designation (TBD) if an elector casts their vote early, for example **EV**, for Early Voter

How Will Registrars / Election Day Staff Know if you Have Voted Early?

Example:

East Oshgash Road

	<u>#</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>
	2	Bunny	Bugs
A	3	Duck	Daffy
	4	Coyote	Wile E
EV	5	Runner	Road

Where else can I find this information?

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/Early-Voting/2024/EV_FAQs_Dates_Hours.pdf

Thank you!!!!

Please feel free to contact us:

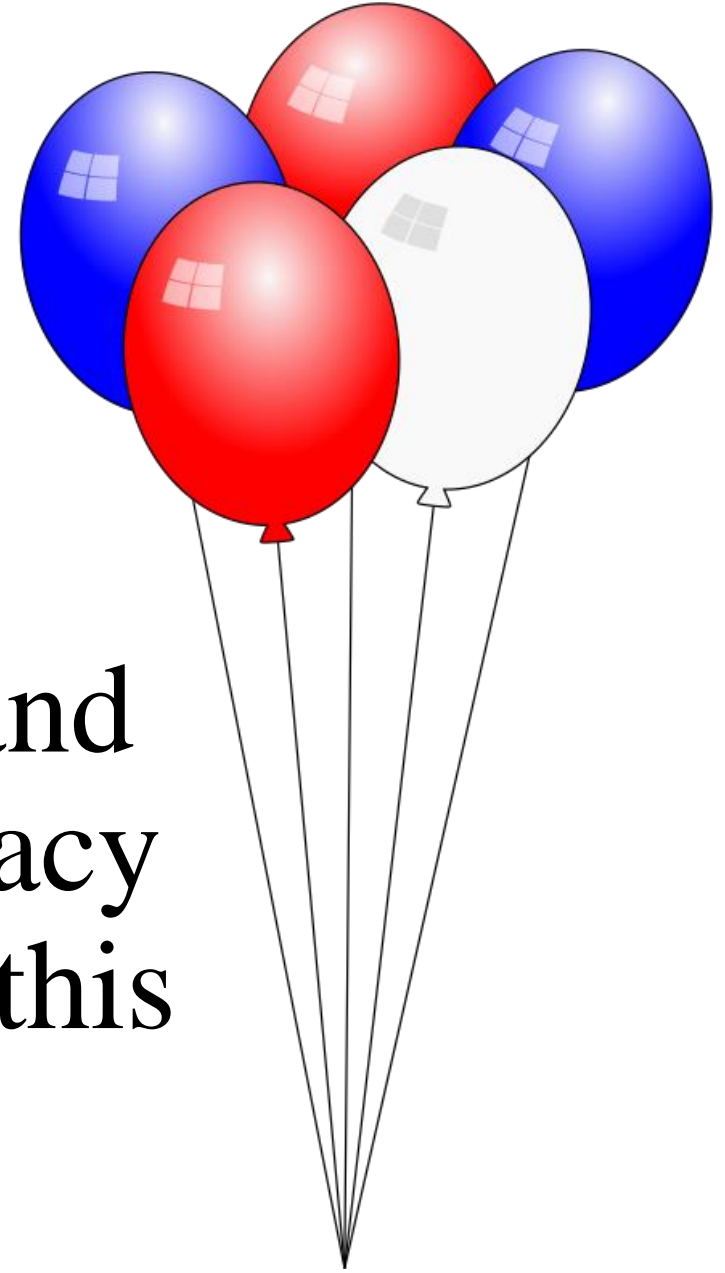
- email: drregistrars@deepriverct.us
- Call: 860-526-6059

We will do our best to assist you with any questions you have or direct you to the appropriate resource.

- We will also post updated information at:

[Registrars of Voters | Deep River CT](#) as we are informed from the Secretary of Sates office (SOTS).

We are here to help



We thank you for your support and your commitment to our democracy by getting out and voting during this year's election season.