

Westfield Academy and Central School

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTERS

According to Education Law, to be qualified to vote in a school district election, a person must be:

1. At least 18 years of age
2. A legal resident of the school district for 30 days to the date of the vote*
3. A citizen of the United States
4. Not otherwise prohibited from voting pursuant to Election Law § 5-106.

*A person may have only one legal residence which is normally determined by a combination of the following:

1. The place that he or she votes in a federal, state, or local election
2. The place where he or she pays income taxes.
3. The place where his or her automobile is registered.

PROCEDURES FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

“The Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk or Board designee to provide Absentee Ballots to qualified District Voters. Absentee Ballots may be used for the election of School Board members and for adoption of the annual budget and referenda. A District voter must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear in person on the date of the District election. The application must be received by the District Clerk/designee at least seven days (May 11, 2021) before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election (May 17, 2021) if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Pursuant to the provisions of Education Law, a District Voter is eligible to vote by absentee ballot under the following conditions: illness or physical disability; or business responsibilities or studies which require travel outside of the county or city of residence on the day of the election; or vacation outside of the county or city of residence; detention or confinement to jail after conviction for an offense other than a felony; or due to the public health emergency (COVID-19).

An Absentee Ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk/designee not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots have been issued shall be maintained by the District Clerk/designee and made available for public inspection. Any qualified voter challenging the acceptance of an Absentee Ballot must file a written statement with the District Clerk/designee or inform the election inspectors on the day of the District election.”

Any District resident qualified to vote at this election and needed to use an Absentee Ballot should contact the District Clerk’s office, 203 East Main Street, Westfield, NY 14787 (716-326-2151) to request an application.

NOTICE TO DISTRICT VOTERS
APPLYING FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Ballots will be mailed as early as three weeks prior to the scheduled vote date to the address on the application unless you specify that you are picking up the ballot in person. Only the applicant may pick up his/her ballot.

If you would like the ballot sent to an address other than that on your application, please notify us, in writing.

The form below may be used for this purpose. Please complete and attach to your application, or mail your separate request to:

District Clerk's Office
Westfield Academy and Central School
203 East Main Street
Westfield, NY 14787

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Address Ballot to be mailed to: _____

Westfield Academy and Central School District
203 East Main Street
Westfield, NY 14787

Absentee Application Education Law, Section 2018B

Application for Absentee Ballot

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State of New York

Town of Westfield } ss.:

County of Chautauqua

I, _____ being affirmed say: I reside at _____
Please print

_____.

I am a qualified voter of the School District in which I reside in that I am or will be on such date over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and have or will have resided in the district thirty days next preceding such date.

I will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the School District election for which the absentee ballot is requested because I am or will be on such day: (Please check and complete A, B, C, D, E, or F of the following.)

- A. Public health emergency (COVID-19)
- B. A patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability.
- C. Because of duties, occupation, business, or studies will require me to be outside of the county and village of my residence on such day.

Where such duties, occupation, business, or studies are such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a brief description of such duties, occupation, business, or studies shall be set forth (description)

Where such duties, occupation, business, or studies are not such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, a statement must be given for the special circumstances to account for such absence.

- D. I will be on vacation elsewhere on such day. I expect that such vacation will begin on _____ and end on _____ and will be at the following named place or places

Name of Employer _____ Address _____

Or self-employed as a _____ located at _____
or retired as of (date) _____

- E. I will be absent from my voting resident because
- I am detained in jail awaiting action by grand jury.
 - I am awaiting trial.
 - I am confined in a prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.
- F. I am entitled to vote as an absentee voter in that I expect to be absent from the School District on the day of the School District election by reason of accompanying or being with the (check one) spouse, parent, or child of, and reside in the same household with a person qualified to apply in that such a person (check one) will be absent from the county of his residence due to his duties occupation, business or studies and such absence is not caused by the fact that his regular daily place of business or studies is located outside such county, or will be absent due to vacation, a patient at a hospital, detained in jail, confined due to illness or physical disability.

The person through whom I claim to be so entitled (check one) has has not applied for an absentee ballot.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE STATEMENT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MAKE ANY MATERIAL FALSE STATEMENTS IN THE FOREGOING STATEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS, I SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

Date

Signature of Voter or Mark