

# -WISCONSIN STUDENT ID AS PHOTO ID FOR VOTING

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## WHAT DOES A STUDENT ID CARD LOOK LIKE?

The look of a student ID card can vary depending on the school, here is an example of an ID card with all the necessary components:



### Proof of Enrollment

- Enrollment Verification letter
- Class Schedule
- Tuition Fee Receipt
- Certified Campus Housing List
- There are other documents that can be used, these are some of the more common ones

## CAN I USE A STUDENT ID CARD TO VOTE IN WISCONSIN?

Yes! A student ID can be used to vote in Wisconsin. However, there is specific information that must be included with your ID in order for it to be acceptable for voting. **Your student ID card must include: your name, your signature, your photo, the date the card was issued, and the date the card expires. The issued date cannot be more than two years from the expiration date. The card may still be used to vote even if it is expired. You must also provide a document that shows you are enrolled in the school at the time of the election.** This can be a document such as an enrollment verification letter, class schedule, tuition fee receipt, or certified campus housing list. You must show your original student ID if you are voting in-person but may show your proof of enrollment document electronically.

## WHAT IS A STUDENT ID CARD?

A student ID card is a card issued by an accredited Wisconsin college, university, or technical college. This includes all 2 and 4 year colleges, universities and technical colleges in the State of Wisconsin System. It also includes all accredited, private 2 and 4 year colleges, universities and technical colleges.

## CAN MY STUDENT ID CARD BE EXPIRED?

Yes. You may still use your student ID card even if it has expired. Please be sure that your name is current on the student ID card and that the photo reasonably resembles you.

## DOES MY STUDENT ID CARD NEED TO HAVE MY CURRENT ADDRESS ON IT?

**No. Your Student ID does not need to have a current address on it.**

## WHAT WILL THE ELECTION WORKER BE LOOKING FOR ON MY STUDENT ID CARD?

The election worker will be looking for these things on your student ID card:

- 1) **Your Photo.** Election workers know looks can change, but please make sure that if your appearance has significantly changed that your photo still reasonably resembles you.
- 2) **Your Name.** Poll workers will be looking to see that your name matches what is on the poll book. It doesn't need to be an exact match. For example, if your ID says "Robert" but your voter registration says "Bob," that's ok!
- 3) **Other student ID requirements.** They will also be checking to see that your student ID has your signature, and that there are no more than 2 years between the date the card was issued and the date the card expires. The poll worker will also check your enrollment verification document to see that you are enrolled in the school at the time of the election.

Find more information on the Photo ID law at [www.BringIt.wi.gov](http://www.BringIt.wi.gov)

Register to vote or check your registration status at: [www.MyVote.wi.gov](http://www.MyVote.wi.gov)

Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 1-866-Vote-Wis or at [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)

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### **WHAT DO I DO IF MY STUDENT ID DOESN'T MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING?**

If your student ID does not have all of the features necessary to make it acceptable for voting, contact the Department of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Students at your institution. Many schools have a special voting compliant student ID that they will issue to students by request only.

If your school does not have an acceptable ID for voting purposes, there are other photo IDs you can use such as a Wisconsin Driver License, State of Wisconsin ID card, U.S. Passport, Certificate of Naturalization, U.S. Uniformed Service ID, or a Tribal ID.

### **WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT ID CARDS?**

Please contact the student ID card office at the school you attend. The Department of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Students at your institution may also be able to help.

### **I NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE, CAN I USE MY STUDENT ID CARD TO REGISTER?**

When you register to vote, you will need to show a proof of residence document. This is a document that proves where you live in Wisconsin and is only used when registering to vote. This is different than the photo ID you show when receiving your ballot. Photo ID proves who you are and it is only used when receiving your ballot.

If you need to register to vote, you may use your student ID card but you would also need to show the poll worker either a tuition fee receipt (valid for 9 months from issuance) or the poll worker may have a certified housing lists that shows student addresses.

Most students choose to use something other than their student ID when registering to vote. If you attend a public university, such as one of the University of Wisconsin institutions, you may use any document issued by that school, such as an enrollment verification letter as your proof of residence. Just remember it needs to include your name and address.

You can also use any of the other forms of proof of residence when registering to vote such as:

- A Wisconsin Driver License
- A Wisconsin State ID card
- A bank or credit card statement
- A utility bill (gas, electric, phone)
- A paycheck or paystub

**This is not a complete list. For more information on registration and proof of residence, please visit:**

[www.elections.wi.gov/voters/resources](http://www.elections.wi.gov/voters/resources) .

**You may show your proof of residence document electronically using a smartphone, tablet, or computer.**