

City of East Lansing One Pager Plus Student Voter Edition



What is required to register to vote?

You must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by or on Election Day, a resident of Michigan and a resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

Does receiving the voter information mean that I am required to register to vote, or required to vote in East Lansing?

While voting is a fundamental right and students are encouraged to register, it is entirely voluntary.

Where can I register to vote?

Students can register to vote at any Secretary of State branch or at the East Lansing City Clerk's office (City Hall, 410 Abbot Road). Students who wish to register to vote in another jurisdiction in Michigan can do so at any Secretary of State office or with the clerk of that particular municipality. Please remember that the registration deadline occurs 30 days prior to a given election. To find out how to locate your hometown clerk, please go to michigan.gov/vote and click on the "Find Your Clerk" tab on the left-hand side.

I registered to vote when I lived on campus but have since moved off campus. May I still vote at a campus precinct?

Good question – it's complicated!

- If you have moved **within** East Lansing, you may still vote on campus (or at a prior East Lansing precinct) one last time. You should complete a **Change of Address (COA)** form at the polling location. You will then be mailed a new Voter Identification Card informing you of your new precinct/polling location.
- If you moved **outside** of East Lansing **within** 60 days of the election, and you **have not** registered to vote in your new jurisdiction, you may still vote on campus (or at a prior East Lansing precinct) one last time. While there, you will complete a COA form and authorize the City Clerk to cancel your East Lansing voter registration.
- If you moved **outside** of East Lansing **more than** 60 days prior to the election, you will **not** be eligible to vote on campus (or at a prior East Lansing precinct). This often happens to students who move back in August. Parts of Lansing, and the townships of Lansing, DeWitt, Bath and Meridian have East Lansing addresses as determined by the Post Office. **Therefore, you may think you live in East Lansing, but you actually reside in another jurisdiction.**





There must be an easier way to make sure I'm able to vote!

There certainly is! When you move off campus or to another location, make sure you complete a COA form and submit it to your local clerk. You can also complete this process by visiting the Secretary of State to change the address on your driver's license. Once you do, you will receive a new Voter Identification Card informing you of your new precinct/polling location. This way, you will get to the correct polling location on Election Day and your ballot will be counted.

Will registering to vote in East Lansing change the address on my driver's license to East Lansing?

Yes. If you register through the City Clerk, you will be sent an address sticker from the Secretary of State that you will apply to your license.

I've heard that if I change the address on my driver's license from my permanent address, I'll lose my coverage under my parents' medical insurance. Is this true?

Absolutely not. Your address change will have no impact on your medical insurance coverage.

I'm registered in another jurisdiction and I won't be able to get home to vote. Am I eligible to vote "absentee?"

Yes. Voters in Michigan are permitted to vote absentee for six specific reasons. Students who expect to be away from the jurisdiction in which they are registered may apply for and vote an absentee ballot. The voter must apply for the ballot through the clerk in their hometown. For more information and to download an Absent Voter ballot application, go to michigan.gov/vote and click on the "Absentee Voting" tab on the left-hand side.

I'm not sure if or where I'm registered to vote. Where can I go to find out?

Visit michigan.gov/vote to find your registration status, precinct and polling location. For student-specific information, students can also visit youvote.msu.edu.

Still have questions?

For more information, visit www.cityofeastlansing.com/elections. Please feel free to call or stop by the City Clerk's office. Our phone number is (517) 319-6914. You can also e-mail inquiries to mmckenn@cityofeastlansing.com. We're happy to help!

