

Absentee Ballot Information

Shaker Regional School District Election: Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Request for Absentee Ballot

Any Shaker Regional School District voter wishing to complete an absentee ballot application, please print off the application and either mail it to the School District Clerk at 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 or hand deliver it. The application can also be faxed to 603-267-9225 or emailed to: skruger@sau80.org.

Please make sure you sign the application before submitting it to our office. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 603-267-9223 ext. 5314.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any registered voter who is absent from town on the day of an election, who cannot appear in public because of an observance of a religious commitment, or who is unable to vote in person by reasons of a physical disability, may vote by absentee ballot. Any person who is unable to appear at any time during polling hours at his or her polling place because an employment obligation requires the person to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close shall be considered absent from the town. (NH RSA 657:1)

Any person who cannot appear at any time during polling hours at his or her polling place because the National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, or ice storm warning for election day and they are elderly, infirm, or have a physical disability or that needs to care for elderly, infirm or who anticipates that school, child care or adult care will be canceled may request an absentee ballot on the Monday immediately prior to the election.

REQUESTS

A Shaker Regional School District voter's request for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and mailed, faxed or scanned to the School District clerk. The request must be signed by the person requesting the ballot and needs to include the person's legal name and residence (not a post office box) and an address where the voter would like to have the ballot mailed. For your convenience, a link to an absentee ballot request form is posted at the top of this page.

PLEASE NOTE

It is important to note the following in regards to absentee voting.

Make sure you carefully follow the instructions enclosed with your ballot. After marking your ballot, place it in the small envelope and seal said envelope, then sign the affidavit which fits your particular situation. After you have signed the proper affidavit with your full, legal name place the envelope into the mailing envelope. If this envelope is not returned in the mailing envelope, your ballot will not be

counted. If mailing, affix the proper postage and place in the mail. It has to be received, in the mail, no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day.

An absentee voter can deliver his or her own ballot in person to the School District Clerk, during regular business hours, until the day before an election.

Hand-delivered ballots may be dropped off by the voter or delivered by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling or child to the School District Clerk from whom it was sent. The School District Clerk shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family member unless the family member completed a form, provided by the Secretary of State, and the family member presents a government issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the School District Clerk. Forms are located at the Shaker Regional School District Superintendent of Schools Office.

Hand-delivered absentee ballots will not be accepted on election day. Voters who are present in the Town on election day must go to the polls to vote. The absentee ballot should be disposed of since election officials are not authorized to accept absentee ballots at the polls. Instead, a regular ballot will be issued at the checklist table. However, absentee ballots may be delivered to the polls by a family member up until 5 p.m. on election day. The family member completes a form, provided by the Secretary of State, and the family member presents a government issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the Town Clerk.

Ballots received by mail after 5 p.m. on election day will not be counted (per RSA 657:22).