

West Virginia Studies Resource Development

Title of Lesson: Types of elections in West Virginia	
Grade level: 8th Grade	
Summary: The students will learn about voting requirements, different types of elections (primary, general, presidential, non-partisan, special, levy), and the results of the 2016 Presidential election in West Virginia.	
WV CCR Social Studies Standards:	
SS.8.4	Differentiate between the division of powers and responsibilities for each of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the United States and West Virginia governments, describe the system of checks and balances, and explore local forms of government. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze the functions and jurisdictions of the federal, state, local and special courts (e.g., United States Supreme Court, state supreme court, circuit courts, magistrate courts and family courts).• Cite the elected officials at the national, state and local levels, the constitutional requirements for election and responsibilities of each office.• Explain the amendment process of the <i>West Virginia Constitution</i>, give examples of amendments, and explain their purpose.• Explain the process of how a bill becomes a law in West Virginia.• Identify and explain the various types of elections in West Virginia (e.g., primary/general, state/local and partisan/non-partisan).• Compare and contrast the relationship and function of local, county, state and national governments.
Students will know and understand (content): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The different types of elections• The purpose of the diefferent type of elections• The requirements to vote in West Virginia and the United States	
Students will be able to do (skills): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare primary and general elections• Explain the outcomes of the 2016 Presidential election in West Virginia	
Materials & Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer with projector• Power-Point (attached)	

Learning Plan:

- 1. The teacher will lecture the requirements to vote and types of elections on Power-Point with class discussion.**
- 2. The teacher will ask the guided questions in a class discussion.**

Extended Projects-

- 1. The students can predict the outcome for future elections using polling data, mock school elections, etc.**

Checking for Understanding:

- What are the 3 requirements to vote in West Virginia?
- Why are there requirements to vote?
- What is the purpose of a primary election?
- Who won the Democratic and Republican primary elections in West Virginia? Did they win the nomination nationally?
- What is the purpose of a general election?
- What President won West Virginia's five electoral votes in the Presidential election of 2016?
- Besides primary and general elections, what types of elections do we see in West Virginia?

Accommodations:

- 1. This project can be completed in groups. You can use a peer tutor for the students who are at lower-levels.**

Accelerated Students can complete Extended Projects.