

Appendix D

Student handout: Elections in Canada - Infographic

WHO RUNS THE ELECTION?



There are different levels of government: federal, provincial, and municipal, as well as First Nations, Métis & Inuit governments.

Elections in Ontario are run by Elections Ontario, an independent agency.

Federal: Elections Canada

Provincial: Elections Ontario

Municipal: local agencies/organizations

They are responsible for running elections that are fair and equal for all.

WHERE DO YOU VOTE?



The number of voting districts is determined by population. Each area returns one elected official to represent a group of people.

Federal: Canada is divided into 338 electoral districts, called ridings from coast to coast to coast.

Provincial: Ontario is divided into 124 electoral districts.

Municipal: Some municipalities are divided into wards.

WHO CAN VOTE?



No matter where you live, if you are 18 years or older, and a Canadian citizen, you have the right to vote.

HOW DOES VOTING HAPPEN?

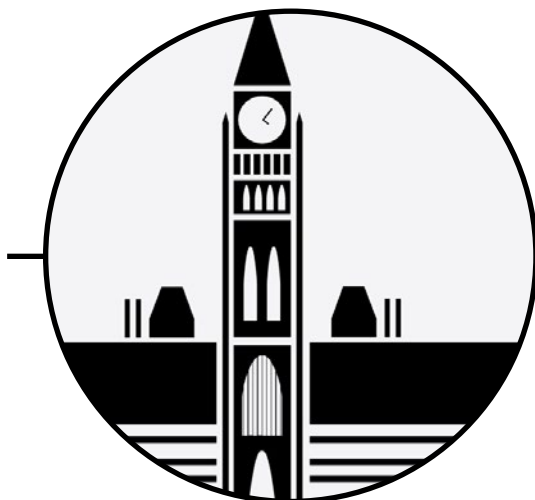


Across Canada at the federal, provincial, and municipal level, there are many ways to vote. This can include:

- voting by mail
- voting at an advance poll (if you can't vote on election day)
- voting on election day at your assigned voting location in your electoral district

Some elections officials count all the ballots by hand after the election and some use electronic vote counting machines to do the counting!

WHO DO YOU VOTE FOR?



Canada is a representative democracy. This means you vote for someone to represent you in making decisions in government.

Federal: In Canada, each riding elects a Member of Parliament (MP). The party with the most MPs elected wins the election. The party leader becomes the Prime Minister.

Provincial: In Ontario, each electoral district elects a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP). The leader of the party with the most MPPs elected becomes Premier.

Municipal: Councillors, mayors and school board trustees are elected.