

City/School Election

November 5, 2019



Due to the closing and reconstruction of the courthouse we have moved the election office to the Annex building at 101 E. Main St. (the old Commercial State Bank Building next to Zenos)

Mailing address remains 1 E Main St, Marshalltown, IA 50158

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[Hours the Polls are Open](#)

On City/School Election Day, the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

[Find Your Precinct](#)

<http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/gis/localgovt>

[Sample Ballot](#) -

<http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/auditor/election/electiondetails/2019-elections/november-city-school-elections/sample-ballots/>

Choose your precinct to view a sample ballot.

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Voter Registration Deadline

Friday, October 25th is the final day to pre-register to vote in the November 5, 2019 City/School Election. The office of the County Auditor/Recorder will be open until 5:00 p.m. on that date for eligible electors who wish to register in person. Completed voter registrations may be mailed to the County Auditor/Recorder, and must be received by the above deadline in order to be valid for this election.

Voters who are currently registered need not re-register unless they have changed residences from one county to another. A voter who has changed addresses within the same county as the voter is currently registered may change his/her voter registration address any time before the election or at the voter's new polling site on Election Day.

Registering to vote is a legal requirement to be eligible to vote in Iowa. To be eligible to register to vote, you must:

- be at least 17 years of age (you must be at least 18 years of age by election day)
- be a United States citizen
- be an Iowa resident
- not have been convicted of a felony (or, if you have been convicted of a felony, have had your voting rights restored)
- not have been judged mentally incompetent by a court
- give up your right to vote in any other place.

Iowa law now allows eligible persons to register and vote at the polls on Election Day. An Election Day Registrant must provide acceptable proof of identity and current residence in the precinct that is no more than 45 days old. Click on the link below to see the Election Day Registration Information provided by the Iowa Secretary of State.

Iowa Election Day Registration Information

<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html>

Voter Registration Application

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html>

How to Get an Absentee Ballot

Eligible and registered voters wishing to cast absentee ballots may vote in person at the office of the County Auditor/Recorder, or may make written requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to them.

Voting by absentee ballot in Auditor/Recorder's Office

A registered voter may cast an absentee ballot in the Annex Building beginning October 7th through Monday, November 4th at 101 E. Main St., Marshalltown, IA during regular business hours **of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** prior to Election Day.

Voters requesting absentee ballots by mail may submit a request by Friday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. Requests arriving by mail after 5 p.m. on October 25th cannot be honored.

Voting absentee ballot by mail

Written requests for absentee ballots can be made by using:

The official form - download it here: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html>

OR

In lieu of the official form, absentee ballot requests must be on paper no smaller than 3x5 inches and include the following information:

- The name of the voter,
- State issued Driver's License or Non-Driver's License
- Or Four-Digit PIN Number (can be found on Voter Identification Card),
- The voter's address,
- The address to which the ballot should be sent (if different from the voter's address),
- The voter's date of birth,
- The date and/or name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot,
- Which political party the voter wished to receive a ballot for (required in Primary), and
- The voter's signature.

Mail Absentee Ballot Requests to: Marshall County Auditor & Recorder
1 E. Main St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Post Master will forward mail to our new location

No one can request a ballot for another person.

Ways to Return Voted Absentee Ballots

Personal delivery

The voter may personally deliver a voted absentee ballot to the county auditor's office or may designate any other person to do so. If the voter chooses to designate another person to deliver the voted absentee ballot, the voter may require the other person to fill out a receipt and give it to the voter, which the voter should keep. Iowa law requires the other person to deliver the voted absentee ballot to the county auditor's office by the time the polls close on election night or no later than 72 hours after picking up the ballot from the voter, whichever occurs first.

A voted absentee ballot may be delivered in-person to the County Auditor/Recorder's office at the Annex building at 101 E. Main St. during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In order to be considered on time to be counted for the November 5, 2019 City/School Election, a voted absentee ballot that is personally delivered must be physically received in the county auditor's office by the time the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on election night.

A voted absentee ballot cannot be delivered to a polling place on Election Day; it will not be counted. However, a voter may surrender an absentee ballot to the precinct election officials at the polling site on Election Day, and the voter will be allowed to vote at the polls.

Office Hours during this Election Cycle

Business hours are 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional hours that the office will be open are as follows:

Friday, October 25th Open 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 4th Open 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Special Precinct Board

The Special Precinct Board will open and count absentee ballots on Election Day. The results from the absentee ballots will not be released until shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.

Public Test of Voting Equipment

The public test of the county voting system will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 17th, 2019 in the Courthouse at 1 E. Main St., Marshalltown, IA 50158. (We will be in the courthouse for the public test only)

Election Night Results

The polls close at 8:00 p.m. and unofficial election night results will be available on this website. The County Auditor/Recorder's office in the Annex building at 101 E Main Street will be open until all precincts have reported. Members of the public are welcome to be present, or to check up-to-date totals on this website.

Remember that election night results are unofficial. They include absentee ballots and results from the precincts, but do not include results from provisional ballots that are subsequently determined to have been valid. They also do not include any valid voted absentee ballots that were postmarked prior to Election Day and that are received by Noon on Tuesday, November 12th.

Canvass of Election

The Marshall County Board of Supervisors will meet Tuesday at 1:30, November 12, 2019 to conduct the 1st canvass the results of November 5, 2019 City/School Election. At this meeting the board will canvass the tally lists and prepare official abstracts of the election results. The canvass will include election night results, as well as any provisional ballots and late-absentee ballots that are determined to be valid and on time. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in our temporary location at the Great Western Bank on the 2nd floor.

On Tuesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. the Marshall County Board of Supervisors will conduct the 2nd canvass to go over the abstracts received from other counties.

Voting System

Voters in Marshall County will use special paper ballots that will be counted at each precinct with the use of precinct-count optical-scan machines. Absentee ballots will be counted with the use of the Optical Voter Count Scanner. In addition, for any voter who needs assistance in marking the ballot, a ballot-marking machine will be available in each precinct in the county. It will also be available for demonstrations and for absentee voting at the county auditor's office. All election equipment and related software has been tested and certified for use in the State of Iowa.

Poll watchers

Poll watchers may represent:

- Candidates whose names appear on the ballot,
 - Must show written permission from candidate.
 - Candidate must have filed a list of poll watchers with the County Auditor.
- Political parties and organizations, and
 - Must show credentials from political party.
 - Political party must have filed a list of poll watchers with the County Auditor.
- In all elections other than Primary and City/School elections, groups opposing or supporting approval of questions on the ballot at an election.
 - A person who wants to be a poll watcher must file notice of intent to do so with the County Auditor.

[Poll Watcher Information](#)

[Poll Watcher Guide](#)

Ethics and Campaign Disclosure

A candidate or a person who advocates for or against a candidate or a ballot issue may be subject to requirements and restrictions of Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure laws. Campaign finance disclosure forms, brochures, and other information are available at www.state.ia.us/ethics

Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board
510 E 12th, Suite 1A
Des Moines IA 50319
(515) 281-4028 phone (515) 281-3701 fax

Yard Signs

Campaign signs may be placed with the permission of the property owner on private property. Campaign signs cannot be placed in the public right of way which is described in City/School as the area between the sidewalk and the curb in a city and as the area between the shoulder and the fence line in rural areas. Yard signs may not be placed on public or corporate property.

Voter Registration Information for Campaign Purposes

Iowa law states that voter registration information is a public record. However, the use of that information is restricted to bona fide political purposes or to a bona fide official governmental purpose. Use for commercial purposes is prohibited by law.

Persons advocating for or against a candidate or public measure on the ballot may request lists of registered voters from the county auditor's office in a variety of customized formats. For further information, stop by the County Auditor/Recorder's office in the Annex building or call (641) 754-6302.

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