CASC State Council Elections 2025
Rules, Procedures and Timeline

Summary of Voting Process

- **Voters may register here to participate in the CASC State Council Elections up until February 10th, 2025.**
- **Voters must commit to participating in all online election activities described herein, including:**
    - Participation in CASC Elections Town Hall on Thursday, February 13th at 8:00PM, **OR** Tuesday February 18th at 8:00PM
    - Participation in CASC Elections Presidential Panel on Thursday, February 20th at 8:00PM
    - Review of online recording of Presidential interviews of candidates for President and Vice President at a time of your choosing but no later than February 21st, 2025 at 11:59PM
    - Casting your online vote between February 22nd - February 24th 2025
- **Compliance with all requirements, procedures and rules described below**

I. Voter Eligibility

- To be eligible to vote in the CASC 2025-2026 elections, voters must:
    - Be a current high school student having attended one or more CASC Statewide conferences (Summer Leadership Conference, Staff Development Program, SABE, SABLE, or YASC).
    - AND/OR be a member of CASC State Council (e.g. Region Presidents) and/or Regional Cabinets
    - Must participate in all aspects of the entire campaigning process (i.e. must view all official candidate platforms, application packets, and campaign videos, in addition to attending all virtual election sessions).
    - Sign a code of conduct agreeing to:
        - Vote based on merit, rather than personal biases.
        - Review all campaign materials thoroughly.
        - Uphold CASC's value of ethical informed leadership, integrity, and inclusivity.
        - Be respectful to all candidates and voters.
        - Not campaign for specific candidates.
        - Understand that violation of any and all of these rules will result in removal from the voting process.
- To be eligible to run for State President and/or Vice President, candidates must:
    - Be a current high school student attending a public, private, charter, or continuation school.
- In order to be selected as a voter, must Register to vote by submitting the CASC State Council Voter Registration Form

II. Voter Selection Process

- Voters will be selected based on compliance with Voter Eligibility
- All voter registrations will be reviewed by the Elections Officer and Executive Director, analyzed for eligibility. Registrations may be denied with reasons included by the EO or ED.
- The registration form is to be disseminated to all CASC high school students.

III. Tech Platform/Mechanics

- All election campaigning will be held over Zoom for the 2025-2026 Term Elections, facilitated by the Elections Officer (State President) and the Executive Director.
- All candidate materials will be distributed to voters through email, amidst other forms of communication.

IV. Elections Timeline

- Potential Candidates will apply on the State Council 2025-2026 Application form (tinyurl.com/statecouncil25) by the deadline on February 10th, 2025 at 11:59PM.
    - Application requirements include: Short Answer Questions, Resume, Teacher Recommendation(s), Unofficial Transcript, Platform Packet, and Introduction Video (5 Minutes).
- Voter Participation Period: Across the span of the following two weeks between February 11th and February 21st, candidates will be required to:
    - Attend one of two options for live online Town Halls/Q&A on either Thursday, February 13th 2025 at 8:00PM, **OR** Tuesday February 18th 2025 at 8:00PM
    - Attend the live online CASC Elections Presidential Panel on Thursday, February 20th 2025 at 8:00PM
    - Review of online recording of Presidential interviews of candidates for President and Vice President at a time of your choosing but no later than February 21st, 2025 at 11:59PM

- Voting Period: Following the end of the two week campaigning session, an online private form will be disseminated to all registered voters. Between February 22nd and February 24th, voters can submit their ballots. **Candidates are not allowed to campaign during the voting period.**
- Following the end of the two-day voting period, the official votes will be counted by the Elections Officer and authenticated by the Executive Director.
- The 2025-2026 State President and State Vice President will be announced shortly after.
    - State President Candidates will **not be allowed** to run for the State Vice President position following an election loss. The “Drop-Down” system has been removed from the CASC Elections process, effective January 19th, 2025.

V. Campaigning Rules

- Online campaigning is permitted during the two week campaign period. Any campaigning before or after this period is strictly prohibited.
- Candidates may use official CASC-approved platforms (e.g., candidate websites, social media platforms, videos, and Q&A sessions) to campaign.
- For Social Media Campaigns:
    - A new Social Media Account (Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, etc.) must be created for the purpose of campaigning, with no affiliation to the candidate's personal account.
    - Any and all social media posts made cannot be reposted or promoted by a candidate's personal account.
- Campaign materials must be reviewed and approved by CASC prior to dissemination.
- Candidates are not permitted to:
    - Participate in any form of negative campaigning of other candidates, including but not limited to:
        - Engaging in any form of defamation, smear campaigns, or personal attacks against other candidates.
        - Sharing false or misleading information about other candidates or their platforms.
    - Directly solicit voters by:
        - Individually messaging or campaigning to voters through private channels, such as direct messages (DMs), emails, or text messages.
        - Target specific individuals or groups of voters outside of public campaign platforms.
    - Inappropriately conduct campaigns by:
        - Using offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate language in campaign materials or communications.
        - Bribing or offering incentives to voters in exchange for votes.
    - Campaign in unofficial spaces such as unrelated school group chats, forums, or personal group messages.
    - Spend financial resources on campaigning tools, techniques, and other devices.

VI. Vote Allocation

- All students eligible to vote within the CASC 2025-2026 elections will be granted a singular vote for one Presidential Candidate and one Vice Presidential Candidate.
    - Our goal in determining vote allocation by region is to ensure a fair allocation of votes across CASC regions, ultimately supporting geographic, socio-economic, and ethnic and racial diversity in the voting pool.
    - At the same time, voters in the CASC election should be familiar with CASC's mission, values, and programs. Because some regions have lower participation in and familiarity with CASC's mission, values, and programs, the number of actual eligible individual voters in each region may not be in proportion to their fair share of vote weight.
    - In addition, school votes within each CASC region will be allocated evenly between participating schools so that no single school with high numbers of registered voters will have more influence than schools in the same region with lower numbers of registered voters. Votes will be weighted according to the number of schools participating in each region.
    - Therefore, while only voters meeting eligibility requirements will be able to cast their votes, we will be weighting the outcome of votes in each given Region to reflect the Region's share of population in the State, and shared evenly across all participating schools in a given region.
    - See an example of Vote Share Allocations below

EXAMPLE OF VOTE SHARE ALLOCATION CALCULATIONS

The table below shares an example of Vote Share Allocations based on population shares across the State of California:

Region	Example # of Eligible Voters Registering to Participate	Actual % of California Population	Final Vote Shares Allocated by Population	Example of # of Participating Schools
Region 1	4	1.9%	1.9	2 (each school receives 50% of Region Vote)
Region 2	5	7.3%	7.3	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Region 3	6	3.8%	3.8	1 (each school receives 100% of Region Vote)
Region 4	10	15.9%	15.9	4 (each school receives 25% of Region Vote)
Region 5	4	7.5%	7.5	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Region 6	1	1.9%	1.9	1 (each school receives 100% of Region Vote)
Region 7	6	4.0%	4.0	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Region 8	5	4.0%	4.0	2 (each school receives 50% of Region Vote)
Region 9	5	24.7%	24.7	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Region 10	15	8.0%	8.0	7 (each school receives 14% of Region Vote)
Region 11	16	12.1%	12.1	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Region 12	6	8.8%	8.8	3 (each school receives 33% of Region Vote)
Total	**83 Voters**	**100%**	**100 Vote Shares**	

- In this example - we show that we are able to recruit 83 eligible voters to participate in the election from CASC Regions across the State.
- In this example, Region 5 only identifies 4 voters for participation in the election, representing 4.8% of the total number of 83 eligible voters recruited and voting, relative to the 7.5% of the State population residing in Region 5. The candidate choice of those 4 voters will be weighted to represent a total of 7.5% of the final Vote Share Allocation for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, or as if there were 7.5 eligible voters from Region 5.
- Conversely, if Region 3 identifies 6 eligible voters, representing 7.2% of the total actual 83 eligible voters recruited and voting, relative to Region 3's 3.8% of total population in the State, the candidate choice of

those 6 voters will be weighted to represent 3.8% of the total vote share, or as if there were 3.8 eligible voters from Region 3.

- Further, vote share weighting will be applied to each school in a given region. Each school in a region will be allocated an equal percentage of a Region's total vote share allocation. The vote makeup of each school will be based on the votes for each candidate — with each voter granted a pro rata share of their school's allocated votes.
    - In this example, let's say that Region 12 has 3 schools represented in the 2025 Presidential Election. School A has 3 voters, School B has 6 voters, and School C has 2 voters, or 11 votes in total. In this example, each of the three schools in Region 12 will first receive 33% of Region 12's total 8.8 vote share allocation. Based on the final vote share allocation. School A, B, and C each have 2.93 of the total Region's vote share allocation (8.8 divided by 3)
    - If 4 of School B's voted for Candidate James and 2 voted for Candidate Jane, then School B will have 1.953 votes given to Candidate James and 0.976 votes given to Candidate Jane. These votes add up to the pro rata share given to each school (of 2.93 votes).

Over time, we hope that we are able to recruit increasing numbers of voters to participate in CASC elections.

VII. Election Regulations

- The Chief CASC Elections Officer (State President) cannot publicly endorse or support any candidate during the election process. Furthermore, the Officer must abstain from voting in any capacity.
    - Responsibilities include:
        - Overseeing the campaigning process to ensure compliance with CASC's Campaigning Rules.
        - Address and investigate any reported violations of campaign or election regulations.
        - Facilitate fair and transparent election events, including candidate forums, speeches, and voting logistics.
- Any violations of the campaigning rules may be reported to the CASC Chief Elections Officer for investigation. Reports must include evidence of the alleged violation.
- **Violations of campaign rules may result in disqualification from the election. The CASC Elections Officer reserves the right to issue warnings or sanctions based on the severity of the violation.**