## More than 50,000 students vote in mock election



A student participates in the state's 2016 mock election earlier this month.

Prior to the Nov. 8 Presidential election, students in grades 4 through 12 throughout Delaware participated in the National Student/Parent Mock Election.

District and charter coordinators assisted in providing information to teachers and students and setting up computers, laptops, and mobile devices to vote on a simulated ballot of all Delaware candidates. Some schools set up private polling stations with check in of students and their mock registration voting cards. More than 50,000 votes were cast by students across the state.

The goals and objectives for this project are aligned to the Department of Education's social studies academic standards. Teachers in grades as early as kindergarten are provided with digital resources and lessons in civics and government, including activities that span from learning about the electoral process and political parties to why Delaware is called the First State and Delaware's facts and symbols.

After a three-day voting period in the schools, the election culminated at a convention held at Legislative Hall in Dover. Two student delegates from each school district/charter participated in the convention representing their districts/charters and the election results. Delaware's election results are reported to the National Student/Parent Mock Election organization that is responsible for reporting the nationwide mock
election results. The statewide results were revealed at the conclusion of the convention.

More information on the Student Mock Election and results can be found here.

