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**Registration for Nebraska Student Vote begins**

LINCOLN – Registration has started for classes to enroll in Nebraska Student Vote, a program that combines civics instruction with a mock election in connection with the Nov. 4 general election.

The program, sponsored by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and the Omaha World-Herald, is designed for grades kindergarten through 12.

Teachers can get information about the program and register their classes online at [www.nestudentvote.com](http://www.nestudentvote.com). The registration deadline is Oct. 20.

"Civics education is a high priority of my office," Gale said. "Students who have an opportunity to participate in programs like this are more likely to become active citizens and lifelong voters."

Said World-Herald Publisher Terry Kroeger: "The Omaha World-Herald has a rich history of commitment to education as well as to the civic process. We are particularly proud of Newspaper in Education, where we place over 15,000 newspapers in classrooms everyday throughout our great state.

"As Nebraska's only statewide news source, known for its comprehensive coverage of political candidates and issues, our sponsorship of the Nebraska Student Vote program is an especially nice fit."

A teacher's guide with lessons and a student's guide will be offered online for participating classes. Participating students will receive a copy of the Omaha World-Herald newspaper every Wednesday from Oct. 1 through Nov. 5.

From Oct. 27 through Oct. 30, students can cast their votes on paper ballots in a mock election for three federal offices – president, Senate and House. Results will be reported on the Nebraska Student Vote Web site and sent to the National Mock Election program.

Nebraska Student Vote is conducted every two years in connection with the November general election.

The Secretary of State's Office and the Omaha World-Herald joined together in 1996 to create Nebraska Student Vote to address the need of voter education among Nebraska's youth.