Voting Options

There are multiple ways you can choose to vote. You can choose one of these:

01 Day of Election
   Vote in person

02 Early Voting
   You can vote early in person

03 Absentee
   Vote by mail before the election

Choosing a Candidate

In each election, you might vote on many different offices. These could include:

- President
- Federal senate/congress
- State senate/house of representatives
- City Council
- School board
- Judges

Find out who is running.

You can get a sample ballot for your district at https://www.sos.state.mn.us/ to see all the candidates you can vote for.

Think about the issues that are important to you.

- Create questions you can ask the candidates based on these issues. You can also browse their website to get the answers.
- Reach out to candidates to tell them why these issues are important to you. See what they say.

Things to consider:

- Do they have statements about the issues that matter to you? Do you agree with their answer?
- Do they have a statement about what’s important to them? Do you agree with what they think?
- Do they have endorsements from groups you support? Such as unions or business groups?
Issues That Affect the Autism Community

Health Care

**Affordable Care Act:** Allows people with disabilities to have access to care
- No pre-existing conditions
- Regulations of level of care provided

**Medicaid: Federal responsibility**
- In Minnesota this also protects PCA and Waiver services
- Funds group homes
- Supports supported employment
- Long term care

Education

- Access to free and appropriate education
  - Funding
  - Regulations
- Accessibility for families
- Post-secondary education
  - Transition services
- Inclusion

Community Living

- Accessibility
- Inclusion
- Funding for programs
- Supporting staff
- Closing institutions
- Supported decision making
- Law Enforcement
## Issues That Affect the Autism Community

### Employment
- Section 14 C
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- ADA
- EEOC
- Minimum Wage
- Wage caps

### Benefits
- Medicaid
- Social Security
- Qualifying
- Money Follows the Person

### Housing
- Access to Affordable Housing
- Subsidized Wait Lists
- Group Homes vs. Independent Living
  - Regulations
  - Staff trainings
  - Staff wages