

Voting for Persons with Disabilities

Working to ensure equal access for all voters

The Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts office is committed to:

- Surveying every Massachusetts polling place to ensure polling places are accessible by meeting state regulations.
- Working with and helping train Election Day workers on sensitivity to all voters as well as the proper procedures and testing to ensure the polling location is accessible and the accessible voting equipment is made available to all voters.
- Working with outreach organizations to ensure voters are familiar with the accessible voting equipment and availability of such equipment at every polling location.

Accessible Polling Places

All polling locations in Massachusetts are required to be accessible. All polling places must provide access on a permanent or temporary basis on Election Day. Voting assistance and absentee voting offer options that persons with disabilities may use to vote, but are not considered substitutes actual accessibility to the voting location. Accessible voting provides the same opportunity for access and participation to persons with disabilities as for other voters.

Accessible Voting Procedures

A voter can choose someone to assist entering the polling location, checking in, entering the voting booth, preparing the ballot, exiting the booth and checking out. Voting via mail-in absentee ballot at home is another option used by elderly and disabled voters. For more information regarding absentee voting, [click here](#) or you may contact your local election official.

Accessible Voting Equipment

Both federal law and state requirements mandate that voting systems be equipped for voters with disabilities allowing such voters to have the same opportunity to vote privately and independently. It is required that every precinct must have at least one accessible voting machine available.

There is at least one accessible marking unit in every polling place in Massachusetts. The AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are marking devices that use audio cue capacity for visually impaired voters. The AutoMark also has a feature that will greatly magnify the ballot or display the ballot high-contrast for voters that have limited visual impairment. The AutoMark can also produce an oral report to the voter as the choices selected prior to the voter printing the ballot.

For more information on the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, please visit [AutoMARK Video](#).

Contact us if we can help

The Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to making voting as accessible for all voters. Please let us know how we can improve accessibility by calling us at 800-462-VOTE (8683) (toll free) or 617-727-2828. You may also e-mail us at elections@sec.state.ma.us.

*** POLLING PLACES ***

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1A	Normandin Middle School	Orleans St, Entrance
1B *	Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1C *	Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1D	Fire Station #5	3665 Acushnet Ave.
1E	Dottin Place	8 Amanda Ave.(Administration Bldg.)
1F	Christian Fellowship Center	822 Church St (lower level)
2A *	Taber Mill Community Center (3C)	217 Dean St. (Coffin Ave entrance.)
2B *	Senhor da Pedra Club	81 Tinkham St.
2C *	Senhor da Pedra Club	81 Tinkham St.
2D *	Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2E *	Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2F	Lincoln School	Ashley Blvd. (Query St. entrance)
3A	Hayden/McFadden School	361 Cedar Grove St. (Main entrance)
3B	Hillside Court	525 Coggeshall St.
3C *	Taber Mill Community Center (2A)	217 Deane St. (Coffin Ave. entrance.)
3D *	Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt Vernon St.
3E *	Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt. Vernon St.
3F	First Church of the Nazarene	764 Hathaway Road
4A	Boa Vista	134 S. Second St.
4B	Carney Academy	247 Elm St.
4C	New Bedford Hotel Apts.	725 Pleasant St.
4D	Parker Street School	705 County St.
4E	Caroline St. Community Center	26 Caroline St.
4F	Boys and Girls Club	166 Jenney St.
5A *	Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. (entrance on Orchard St.)
5B *	Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. (entrance on Orchard St.)
5C *	Moose Home (6F)	Enter on Dartmouth or Hemlock St.
5D	Hathaway School Gym	256 Court St.
5E *	Buttonwood Warming House	Buttonwood Park (near pond)
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6A *	Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6B *	Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6C	Tripp Towers	12 Ruth St.
6D	Howland Green Library	3 Rodney French Blvd
6E	Ashley Park Community Center	543 Bolton St.
6F *	Moose Home (5C)	Enter on Dartmouth or Hemlock St.

* Represents double precincts