



Throughout our nation’s history, many people have spoken up for the right to vote. Changes to our constitution and our laws have expanded and protected that right. But the journey’s not over, and the work hasn’t ended. Some polling places are far from voters or have long wait times, impacting voters’ ability to vote. This form will help you determine how efficiently your polling location serves voters. You can compare your results with others in your class, and with other classes in other states. Your results may point the way to work still to be done.

How long does it take to vote in person?

Students: This is an optional assignment. If you’re able to accompany a family member when they vote, you can use this form to record the experience. Or you can send the form with a family member for them to record their info.

Your procedures might be slightly different than those listed here. If so, use the back of the form to record the steps.

A. We **left to go to the polling location** at _____ [time] on _____ [date].
 We left from (*circle one of the following*): Home / School / Work / Other _____
 We traveled by (*circle one of the following*): Walk / Bike / Car / Bus / Other _____
 We traveled _____ miles to get to the polling location.

B. We **arrived at the outside of the polling location** at _____ [time].
 Outside, there [were / were not – *circle one*] signs that clearly indicated it was our polling location.
 Outside, there [were / were not – *circle one*] people waiting in line to vote.

At _____ [time] we **entered the polling location** building.
 Inside, there [were / were not – *circle one*] signs that clearly indicated where we needed to go to vote.
 Inside, there [were / were not – *circle one*] people waiting in line to vote.

At _____ [time] we **filled out an “Application to Vote” form**.
 At _____ [time] we **gave our “Application to Vote” form to a poll worker**.
 Our identification was verified and recorded in the pollbook.
 We [did / did not – *circle one*] need to request a *provisional* ballot (due to questions about voter eligibility).

At _____ [time] we **received our ballot** from a poll worker and were directed to the voting booths.

At _____ [time] we **entered a voting booth**.

At _____ [time] we **left the voting booth**.

At _____ [time] our “Application to Vote” form and ballot number were **reviewed by a poll worker**.

At _____ [time] we **put our ballot into a tabulator**.

C. We **exited the building** at _____ [time].

D. We **arrived back** at (*circle one*): Home / School / Work / Other _____ at _____ [time].

Time spent at the polling location to vote: From Time B. _____ to Time C. _____ = _____ mins.

Time spent voting, including transportation: From Time A. _____ to Time D. _____ = _____ mins.