



Elections

Overview

During the 2025 session, Legislative Pages (students ages 14-16) had the opportunity to interview legislators from both the Majority party and the Minority party about issues of interest. In this lesson, students will learn about where the Majority Party, currently the Democrats, and the Minority Party, currently the Republicans stand on two important policies regarding partisanship and elections.

Essential Questions

- How do the beliefs of those in the majority party differ from those in the minority party?
- To what extent is there bipartisanship in the Washington State Legislature?
- What is Washington State doing to improve our electoral system?

Materials Needed

- [KWL Chart](#)
- “On the Issues” Elections: [Partisanship](#) and [Voter Engagement](#)
- [Viewer’s Guide](#)
- [Further Research Opportunities](#)

Activity (20 minutes)

1. Distribute the KWL chart to the students.
2. In pairs, have students fill out what they already know about elections and partisanship in Washington, as well as what they want to know.
3. Watch the “On the Issues” videos, using the discussion questions to guide students in understanding the differences between the policy ideas.
4. In pairs, have students fill out the Learn section of the KWL chart, focusing on the similarities and differences between the Legislators’ ideas.

5. Distribute the Further Research Opportunities handout to students who wish to investigate this issue further.