

Attention Voters

Please Read and Follow the Instructions Carefully

1. Please read the enclosed policy which pertains to absentee voting in the Homer Central School District, to determine if you are eligible to vote by Absentee Ballot.
2. After reading the policy, and determining that you are eligible to vote, please complete the application for an Absentee Ballot.
3. You must have one (1) witness sign the application who will certify that you are eligible according to policy to vote by Absentee Ballot.
4. The application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, ***Tuesday, December 9, 2014, if the ballot is to be mailed, OR Monday, December 15, 2014, if the ballot is to be picked up.***
5. If possible, Absentee Ballots will be delivered to the residence of the home of the applicant at least six (6) days before the election. If this is not possible, (because applicant is out of town, etc.) the Absentee Ballot will be mailed as specified on the application.
6. ***The Absentee Ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on the day of the vote, Tuesday, December 16, 2014.***

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kelli Yacavone, District Clerk
Homer Central School District
80 S. West Road
Homer, NY 13077
(607) 749-7241

By-Laws

SUBJECT: ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk or a Board designee (the latter only if the District does not provide for the personal registration of voters) to provide absentee ballots to qualified District voters. Absentee ballots shall be used for the election of School Board members, School District public library trustees, the adoption of the annual budget and School District public library budget and referenda.

A District voter must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear in person on the day of the District election/vote for which the absentee ballot is requested. The application must be received by the District Clerk or Board designee at least seven (7) days before the election/vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election/vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Pursuant to the provisions of Education Law, a qualified District voter is eligible to vote by absentee ballot if he/she is unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the School District election/vote because:

- a) He/she is or will be a patient in a hospital, or is unable to appear personally at the polling place on the day of the election/vote because of illness or physical disability;
- b) He/she has duties, occupation or business responsibilities, or studies which require being outside of the county or city of residence on the day of the School District election/vote;
- c) He/she will be on vacation outside of the county or city of residence on the day of such District election/vote;
- d) He/she will be absent from the voting residence due to detention in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial, or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony; or
- e) He/she will be absent from the School District on the day of the School District election/vote by reason of accompanying spouse, parent or child who is or would be, if he/she were a qualified voter, entitled to apply for the right to vote by absentee ballot.

Statements on the application for absentee ballot must be signed and dated by the voter.

An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk or Board designee not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election/vote in order that his/her vote may be canvassed.

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SUBJECT: ABSENTEE BALLOTS (Cont'd.)

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be maintained in the office of the District Clerk or Board designee and made available for public inspection during regular office hours until the day of the election/vote. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reason for such challenge. The written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or Board designee to the election inspectors on the day of the District election/vote.

Education Law Sections 1501-c, 2014, 2018-a, 2018-b and 2613

Application for Absentee Ballot
Pursuant to Section 2018-b of the Education Law

Permanent Address

Mailing Address if Different than Permanent

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Number and Street)

(Number and Street)

(Village/Town/City) (State) (Zip) (Village/Town/City) (State) (Zip)

I, _____, am or will be, on the day of the school district election, a qualified
(Please Print Full Name)

voter of the Homer Central School District, over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States and have or will have resided in said District for 30 days preceding the date of election.

Date of Election/Vote for which absentee ballot is requested is **Tuesday, December 16, 2014.**

I will be unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election for which the absentee ballot is requested because I am, or will be on such day (check one):

_____ a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability;

_____ because of my duties, occupation, business or studies, I will be required to be outside the county or District of residence on such day. (Attach a brief description of such duties, occupation or business. Where such duties, occupation or business are not of such a nature as ordinarily to require such absence, please state the special circumstances or account of which absence is required)

_____ because I will be on vacation outside the county or District of residence on such day (please attach the dates upon which you expect to begin and end such vacation, the place or places where you expect to be on such vacation, the name and address of your employer, if any, and if self-employed, a statement to that effect)

_____ because I will be absent from my voting residence because I am or will be detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury, awaiting trial or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony. (Please attach a statement whether you are detained awaiting action of the grand jury or are confined after conviction for an offense other than a felony.)

I hereby declare that the foregoing is a true statement to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that if I make any material false statement in the foregoing statement of application for absentee ballot, I shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Voter: _____

Signature of Witness: _____

Witness Name Printed: _____

Witness Address: _____

Witness Telephone Number: _____

Please Return To:
Kelli Yacavone, District Clerk
Homer Central School District
P.O. Box 500
Homer, NY 13077

IF THE BALLOT IS TO BE MAILED TO THE VOTER, APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT CLERK AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE VOTE.

(Tuesday, December 9, 2014 by 3:00 P.M.)

IF THE BALLOT IS TO BE DELIVERED PERSONALLY, THE APPLICATION MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. (Monday, December 15, 2014 by 3:00 P.M.)