

Do you think that the voting age requirement should be lowered from 18 to 16-years-old?

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“No, people who are sixteen tend to be radical. They’re not ready to make the decision. They tend to ignore what politicians talk about, [so] they’re easily manipulated.”  
-Aron Ruiz, Senior

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“Yes, definitely, [because] so many students our age are concerned about politics, especially regarding school funding. We can’t do anything about it because we aren’t old enough to vote.”  
-Ashley Garcia, Senior

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“No, because we [as sixteen-year-olds] are not fully mature yet. Voting is part of being an adult and being eighteen is about reaching a certain maturity. Some people would just vote without thinking about it.”  
-Abram Villanueva, Junior

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“Yes, because a lot of sixteen-year-olds have a strong opinion on politics and changing regulation would allow us to express ourselves.”  
-Stephanie Wong, Sophomore

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“No, I don’t think it should be lowered to sixteen because most sixteen-year-olds are too immature to follow the political process.”  
-Brandon Gurrola, Senior

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“When you’re eighteen, you’re a lot more mature, but there are some sixteen-year-olds who are a lot more mature than eighteen-year-olds. If you’re old enough and mature enough to actually handle the responsibility.”  
-Leslie Hwang, Freshman

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“No, because sixteen-year-olds don’t really know enough about the world to be able to decide their country’s future; there are some sixteen-year-olds that do, but the majority don’t.”  
-Emily Adsit, Senior

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Pros	Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger generations are fairly represented.</li> <li>• Some adolescents are mature enough to make a responsible, well-thought-out decision.</li> <li>• It would accurately reflect popular opinion on campus.</li> <li>• Voting would encourage sixteen-year-olds to mature and develop a political opinion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some people are not mature enough to make an informed decision.</li> <li>• Some students would use voting as an excuse to skip school.</li> <li>• It would be a costly decision to include adolescents.</li> <li>• Political party conflicts could appear on campus.</li> </ul>



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Total Students Surveyed: 409

Do you feel you are well-informed enough to make an intelligent decision within the voting process?



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If 16-year-olds could vote, do you think it would make a significant difference?



Total Students Surveyed: 413

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