

**Online Materials Now Available for Download
Friday, September 19, 2014**

Complete 2014 curriculum is now posted online.

The complete 2014 Promote the Vote curriculum and supplementary materials are now available on our website. Registered teachers have full access to lesson plans, activities, 2014 contest information as well as materials for the upcoming Mock Election. We hope you find the new materials useful. We would also love to hear any suggestions and recommendations on how we can continue to improve this program for you and your students.

Please check back here each week. These Blackboard Announcements will be your go-to spot for frequent updates. (*Our goal is to NOT overload your email with constant updates so we will post everything here.*) If you ever have a question or concern, please feel free to email us at ptv@sos.ms.gov or by phone at 601-359-6344.

Headline news: Two very important deadlines are approaching.

1. Friday, October 3 is the deadline for entering your high school students in the 9-12 grade Oratory Competition.

The 2014 oratory contest topic is "The Primary Issue." Students will research the various types of party primary systems in the U.S. and then present their case for what would be the best party primary system for Mississippi. This is a hot topic currently being discussed by Mississippi political leaders in Jackson and will be a key issue in the 2015 legislative session. Official rules may be found [here](#) and on our website. Top competitors will be invited to participate in the Oratory Showcase at the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson in late October. More details on the Showcase will emerge in the coming weeks.

2. Friday, October 17 is the last day to register for Promote the Vote 2014.

To participate in the 2014 Mock Election, schools/classrooms must first be registered with Promote the Vote by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 17. You may then use any of our online materials and are eligible to include your students' votes in our statewide tally to be announced prior to the November 4 General Election Day. For those of you already registered, please encourage others in your school and surrounding schools to get involved. [Click Here](#) to register, or call Laura Walker at 601-359-9362; we will be glad to complete the process for you.

Thank you for your interest and participation in Promote the Vote. If there is any way our office can help make this program more beneficial for you and your students, or if there is any assistance we may provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.