



Learning about the election process, government, and importance of voting helps Girl Scouts, and kids in general, explore how they can make their own voices heard, dive deeper into issues they care about, and impact/improve the communities they live in.

Even if they are not yet old enough to vote, they are never too young to learn about this process and help get their friends, family, and community involved! You know your own child best, please use these tips as guidelines for conversations.

Tips to help your kids engage in the democratic process:

Grades K-1

Help them learn about the people who work together in local, state and national government.

Grades 2-5

Help them explore how people in government decide what rules are made and how they are followed, from your town or city to the whole country. Teach them about the three branches of government - legislative, judicial, and executive - and some of the things each is responsible for.

Grades 6-8

Teach them that, to make a difference, they should start by fully understanding how their government works. Informed citizens are change makers! Encourage them to explore new things like how each branch of government works, how they work together, and how each piece makes a difference in society.

Grades 9-10

Expand on all the above and encourage them to dive deeper into learning about the three branches of government.

Grades 11-12

Encourage them to become experts on government and the roles of the officials they'll help elect. They will now be ready to use that knowledge to inform their own voting.

These tips are included as part of the more in-depth process for Girl Scouts to earn a Democracy badge at each program level. Badges and accompanying booklets are available to [purchase online](#). Girl Scouts is nonpolitical and nonpartisan; we empower girls to champion civic engagement.

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