

# How to be an Apple Ballot Volunteer

## Before:

- Check weather & dress appropriately/bring the right gear!
- Children are welcome to participate - plan accordingly.

## During:

- **What to Expect**
  - Shifts are strategic based on our best guess as to when voters will be present
  - Voters come in waves, likely before/after work and during lunch breaks
- **Placement of Person**
  - “No Electioneering” Boundary – 100’ from the entrance/exit
  - Adhere to sign:** “No Electioneering Beyond This Point”
  - Meet every voter but DO NOT meet them at their car door
  - Want to sit? Cool! But DO NOT make people come to you
  - Be strategic in your placement in relation to other campaign volunteers
- **What Do I Say?**
  - “Would you like an apple ballot?”
  - “Here’s who the teachers/educators recommend!”
  - “Do you want to know who the teachers/educator’s recommended candidates are for Board of Ed?”
  - **Above all else:** BE FRIENDLY & REMEMBER YOU ARE REPRESENTING ALL EDUCATORS
- **Effective Public Engagement**
  - Get apples in voters hands
  - Discuss our candidates and endorsement process
  - DO NOT insist voters to take apple ballots
  - DO NOT engage in arguments
  - DO NOT put up with incivility
- **Your Resources**
  - **To learn about our endorsement process & about our candidates:** [mdappleballot.com](http://mdappleballot.com)
  - **To report electioneering boundary violations/campaign volunteer nuisances:** go inside the precinct & ask to speak to an election judge.
  - **To file an official complaint with the State Board of Elections:** call (800) 222-8683.
  - **To report issues with/intimidation from other campaigns:** call 1-833-MD-VOTES (*Election Protection Hotline through MD Dems*).