

How to Vote on the Sibley East Public Schools Referendums

Sibley East voters will see **two different referendum questions during two separate elections** in 2026. The first question will appear during the **Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2026**, and the second question will appear during the **General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026**.

STEP 1: Know Which Election You're Voting In

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – Primary Election

You will vote on the:

Sibley East Community Pool Referendum

- This referendum was placed on the ballot through a **citizen-led petition process**.
- It is **not** the school district's operating referendum.
- Your vote on this question is **independent** of any future referendum questions.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – General Election

You will vote on the:

Sibley East Public Schools Operating Referendum

- This referendum was approved by the Sibley East School Board.
- The operating referendum provides funding for the day-to-day operation of the school district.
- This question is **completely separate** from the Community Pool Referendum.

STEP 2: Verify Your Voter Registration

Before Election Day, verify your voter registration or register if needed. Minnesota also allows eligible voters to register at their polling place on Election Day with proper proof of residence.

Know Where to Vote

Your polling place is determined by your home address and may be different from someone else's—even if you both live within the Sibley East School District.

Election Day Voting

On **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 (Primary Election)** and **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (General Election)**, vote at **your assigned polling place**.

To find your polling place:

- Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's Polling Place Finder: <https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov>. This tool will show your polling location, a sample ballot, and other voting information based on your home address.
- Or contact your county elections office if you need assistance.

Early Voting or Absentee Voting

If you choose to vote before Election Day, you may vote early in person or request an absentee ballot. Early voting locations are available through the Minnesota Secretary of State and your county elections office.

Remember: Because the Sibley East School District spans portions of **Sibley, Le Sueur, and Nicollet Counties**, polling locations vary depending on where you live. Always verify your polling place before heading out to vote.

STEP 3: Decide How You Want to Vote

You may choose to:

- Vote early in person.
- Vote by absentee/mail ballot.
- Vote in person on Election Day.

Early voting and absentee voting are available before both the August Primary and November General Election according to Minnesota election law.

STEP 4: Vote on the Ballot Question

August 11 Ballot

Look for the **Sibley East Community Pool Referendum** question.

November 3 Ballot

Look for the **Sibley East Public Schools Operating Referendum** question.

Read each question carefully before making your selection.

STEP 5: Mark Your Ballot

Completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

Vote **YES** or **NO** based on your decision.

STEP 6: Review Your Ballot

Before submitting your ballot, make sure:

- You answered the ballot question(s) you intended to vote on.
- Your selections are clearly marked.
- Your ballot is complete.

STEP 7: Cast Your Ballot

If voting in person, insert your ballot into the ballot tabulator.

If voting absentee, return your ballot according to the instructions provided to ensure it is received on time.

Important Reminder

The Community Pool Referendum and the Operating Referendum are two separate ballot questions held during two separate elections.

Community Pool Referendum

- **Election:** Tuesday, August 11, 2026 (Primary Election)
- **Origin:** Citizen-led petition
- **Purpose:** Community Pool Project

Operating Referendum

- **Election:** Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (General Election)
- **Origin:** School Board-approved referendum
- **Purpose:** Funding for the district's daily operating expenses

Voting YES or NO on one referendum does not affect your vote on the other. Each question stands on its own and should be considered independently.

Thank you for participating in the democratic process and making your voice heard.