

Stop Voucher Expansion Volunteer Petition Circulator Guide



Protect public education for 1.1 million AZ students.

Protect taxpayer dollars.

Stop universal ESA voucher expansion.

Save Our Schools Arizona PAC must collect 118,823 valid signatures before September 24, 2022 to stop universal voucher expansion from going into effect, and to keep \$1 Billion in AZ public schools each year.

Requirements to Circulate

- To circulate, you must be a US citizen, at least 18 years old, and qualified to register to vote. You may not be a convicted felon.
- If you are not a resident of Arizona, please contact us for further instructions **before** circulating a petition.

Preparing to Circulate

- Check out petitions at bit.ly/SVEpetitions
- As soon as you get your petitions, check the "Volunteer" box at the top of all petitions. Be sure to mark **both** county boxes to match the county in which the petition signers reside (example: if you are circulating in Maricopa, but a signer is from Pima County, make sure "Pima" is written in both county boxes).
- Do **not** complete anything on the back of the petition form at this time. The back must be filled out in front of a notary **after** you gather signatures.

Getting Signatures

- Only registered AZ voters can sign, so be sure to ask "Are you a registered Arizona voter?" **and** determine the signer's county of residence. Be certain all signatures on a page are from voters in the county written on the front of the page. For example, a signature from a Pima voter on a Maricopa sheet will not count!
- Only use black or blue ballpoint pen (no Sharpies or markers allowed).
- Make sure each line is filled out "neatly and completely." Watch the signer to make sure they include all information, and show them that the zip code comes **before** the city. Remind them **not** to abbreviate the city name (write "Phoenix" not "PHX"). No "ditto marks" – all information must be completed by the signer. If your signer makes a mistake, just ask them to draw a line all the way through the incorrect line and start over on a new line.

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- Double check that the date is correct. If the dates are out of order or after the day you have the petition notarized, the whole petition sheet may be disqualified. Keep a close eye on this, as one mistaken date early on a petition sheet can cause later signers to repeat the error.
- Make sure the signature page remains attached to the title and text of the referendum **at all times**. If the petition is detached from the stapled sheets, signatures on that page could be rejected.
- The petition sheets you carry are your responsibility, and you **must** personally witness each signer filling in their information and signing his or her name. Do **not** leave petition sheets unaccompanied at any time.
- We know you are proud to be circulating petitions (and we love seeing Save our Schools Arizona shirts in as many places as possible), but it's important that you not take pictures of actual petition sheets and post them on social media or elsewhere.

Turning in Petitions

- Before turning in petitions, you must get them notarized by a legal notary. Once your petition is notarized, you may **not** gather new signatures on that petition sheet.
- To make sure all your signatures count, you **must** complete the back side of your petition **in the presence** of a notary public who will then notarize the form. Do **not** sign the back of the petition sheets in advance.
- Make sure to clearly fill out all the information. Print your name and the county where you live. Then sign and include your complete mailing address (not a P.O. Box). When you're done, the notary will notarize the document.

Dealing with Opposition

- If a person is following you around in a public place as you gather signatures and makes you feel uncomfortable, politely ask them to stop following you.
- If a person approaches you and tries to take a picture of a petition sheet, do not allow them to do so; tell the person firmly (but politely) that you do not want them to approach you anymore.
- Know your rights. If someone is following or harassing you after you've asked them to stop, you may call the police and report it as harassment. Do **not** engage beyond that; simply take a photo or video, and send to info@teamsosarizona.com.
- If protesters are nearby, please ignore them. Do not engage in any way. Answer questions as truthfully as you are able, and refer unanswered questions to info@teamsosarizona.com.
- When dealing with potential signers, you should assume at all times that someone is recording you. They are allowed to do so, but the solution is simple: be honest and polite at all times when dealing with potential signers. If a signer has a question you can't answer, don't guess. Instead, refer them to the info@teamsosarizona.com.

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