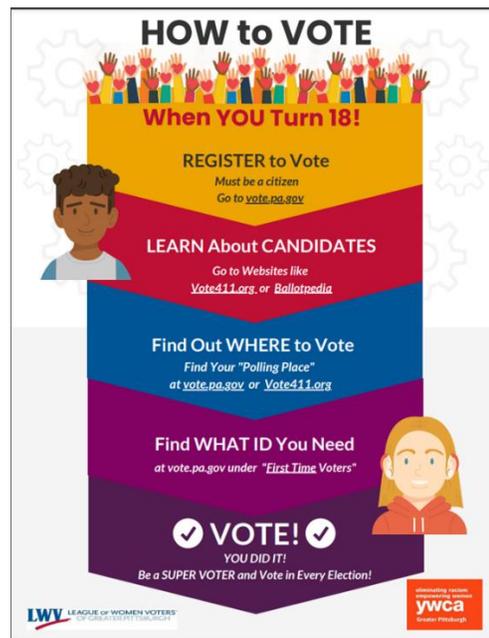


Junior Achievement's Biz Town
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LWVPGH Orientation--Background

Junior Achievement's Biz Town experience is a national project for 4th-5th-6th graders that requires 9-hours of instruction from their own teachers, including a new Civic Education module. Students spend four hours at the impressive BizTown installation in Bridgeville, PA. Students demonstrate problem-solving, creative thinking, collaboration, and team-building skills--and they have a great time doing it!

Not only do students choose to vote for the "Quality Business" or "Best Citizen" in the new Voting Booth provided by the Pittsburgh YWCA, but for the second year, they receive a swag bag which includes LWVPGH-created materials.



Students manage business and personal finances; they apply for and receive a business loan from Clearview Credit Union, they receive two paychecks, write checks that are cashed, and use their debits cards when they shop. Teams repay their business loans and teams that show a profit are celebrated!

The #1 reason a young people choose to vote is because someone in their families vote. *The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh is proud to support the thousands of young students who visit and practice hands-on voting at JA's Biz Town.*

"Empowering Voters". "Defending Democracy."