

## Civic Engagement:

### iVOTE! '08

(Each submission may be created by one or many students.)  
A maximum of 125 points will be assigned to each entry.  
Up to three entries will be accepted from each school.

#### Your challenge:

Let your voice be heard! Participate in iVOTE! '08, a project developed by Northwestern University's online Collaboratory to empower students to engage in the democratic process. Earn Fairchild Challenge points by investigating environmental topics, creating a multimedia feature article; designing, implementing, and reporting the results of online opinion surveys; and participating in a virtual primary election on February 5, 2008.

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# Option 7

#### Guidelines

To participate, teachers must set up free Collaboratory accounts: Visit <http://collaboratory.nunet.net/cwebdocs/participate.html>

- Contact Roxana Hadad (847) 491-2061 or [r-hadad@northwestern.edu](mailto:r-hadad@northwestern.edu) for free phone or e-mail tech support or to schedule one free in-school visit.

#### The iVOTE! '08 Campaign

Research an environmental issue(s) of your choice. Identify two or more presidential candidates and investigate their positions on these issues. Report on your research using the following tools provided through the Collaboratory:

- Design and administer an online opinion survey using the Collaboratory's "Survey Studio."
- Create a multimedia feature article in the Collaboratory "Nexus" presenting the results of your research, candidate investigations, and opinion survey.

#### iVOTE! '08 Election Day

On February 5, 2008, exercise your voice by participating in an online virtual primary election. When the election is over, you will be able to view the results of the virtual election from schools throughout Illinois.

#### How Student Entries Will Be Evaluated

- Opinion surveys will be assessed for the quality and creativity of the questions as well as for the presentation and interpretation of results.
- Multimedia feature articles will be judged for the quality and breadth of research, the creativity and style of the writing, the strength of the positions, and the creativity and content of audiovisual components.
- All entries from a school will receive full points for the primary election as long as at least ten students participate in this aspect of this option.

Entries must be submitted by April 2, 2008.

Visit the iVOTE! '08 website at <http://collaboratory.nunet.net/ivote08>

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