As a Senior, your daughter can earn the Behind the Ballot badge on her own or with her troop. In the process, she’ll learn how government officials are elected to office. But beyond that, she’ll see the importance of voting and why her participation matters.

Priorities vs. Popularity

Who you vote for—whether they’re running for student council or national office—is one of the most important decisions a person can make. Why? Because the people who win the election will be put in charge of decisions that affect you and your whole community.

Talk with your daughter about what she might want to think about before she votes for student body president. Naturally, if she’s friends with a candidate, she might feel like she should vote for that person. But before she makes that choice, she may want to consider a few other things. What are the issues she cares about most at her school or wants to see changed? Do any of the candidates share her views? If a candidate is making promises to the rest of the students, does she believe they can stick to their word and make those things happen?