

At each level of government, candidates for elective office are chosen using a variety of nominating methods.

Political parties have national, state and local organizations.

**Ways individuals may seek nomination for national, state, and local office**

**Caucus**  
**Nominating conventions**  
**Petitions**  
**Direct primary**

The two major political parties use the national nominating convention to select presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

In Virginia, state and local party organizations determine which method of nomination will be used to select candidates. Once nominated, candidates campaign and go before the voters for election to office.

Democracy requires that elections be free, honest, and accurate.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of local, state, and national elections by:  
b) describing the nomination and election process.