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March 2026 Primary Election

Catawba County residents may vote early at any of the 5 locations.

If you are not registered, you may register and vote at an **Early Voting** site with Photo ID and proof of your <u>current</u> residential address.

VALID PHOTO ID* IS REQUIRED FOR VOTING

NCDL | DMV issued permit or non-operator ID | U.S. Passport | NC Voter ID U.S. Military ID or Veteran's ID | and more (visit ncsbe.gov/voter-ID for full list)

*Valid Photo ID: election officials do not consider the address on the Photo ID unless proof of residence is needed. Expired Photo IDs are accepted only if expired AFTER the voter turned 65 years of age or expired less than 1 year.



← Check your Voter Registration Information. https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/ Your party affiliation may not be changed when voting. (Deadline to change: Feb 6)

2026 Primary - Early Voting Schedule		
Thursday – Friday	Feb 12-13	8am – 7:30pm
Saturday	Feb 14	8am – 3pm
Sunday	Feb 15	1pm – 5pm
Monday – Friday	Feb 16-20	8am – 7:30pm
Saturday	Feb 21	8am – 3pm
Sunday	Feb 22	1pm – 5pm
Monday – Friday	Feb 23-Feb 27	8am – 7:30pm
Saturday	Feb 28	8am – 3pm

Early Voting Schedule

5 Early Locations

Newton Main Library



115 West C St Newton

Highland Recreation Center

1451 8th St Dr NE Hickory



Southwest Library (Mtn View)



2944 S Hwy 127 Hickory

Conover Station

403 Conover Station SE Conover



Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library



9154 Sherrills Ford Rd Terrell

On Election Day, voters are required to vote at their assigned precinct's voting location—this may not be an Early Voting site.

Campaign buffer zones: are designated by NCGS §163-166.4:
"...the county board of elections shall, where practical, set the limit at 50 feet from the door of entrance to the voting place, measured when that door is closed..."

Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting

(All voters must show Photo ID)

Any of the following that is unexpired, or expired for one year or less*:

- North Carolina driver's license
- State ID from the NCDMV (also called "non-operator ID")
- Driver's license or non-driver ID from another state,
 District of Columbia or U.S. territory (only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election)
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport card
- North Carolina voter photo ID card issued by a county board of elections
- College or university student ID approved by the State Board of Elections (Lenoir Rhyne University IDs have been approved)
- State or local government or charter school employee ID approved by the State Board of Elections

*Note: A voter 65 or older may use an expired form of acceptable ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

Any of the following, regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date:

- Military or veterans ID card issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a tribe recognized by the State or federal government
- ID card issued by an agency of the U.S. government or the State of North Carolina for a public assistance program

Proof of Residence

(When Registering and Voting at the same time)

If the Photo ID <u>does not have the current residence</u> <u>address</u>, additional proof will be required:

A recent document <u>showing the voter's name and current</u> address (dated within the past 3 months):

- utility bill (including mobile service providers)
- paycheck from an employer
- private bank statement
- property tax statement issued by a governmental agency
- vehicle registration issued by a governmental agency
- government check, including any Social Security, employment, pension, benefit, or reimbursement check from any government entity
- government invoice, statement, or receipt
- public housing identification card, lease, or rental statement
- public educational institution documents, including any student card, transcript, tuition statement, invoice, or receipt issued by any public educational institution
- government insurance plan card, drug discount card, or drug prescription issued by a government care facility (including military facilities)
- discharge certificates, pardons, or other government documents issued in connection with the resolution of a criminal case, indictment, sentence, or other matter
- public transportation authority cards, invoices, receipts or correspondence
- public assistance or disability agency documents
- documents issued by any government shelter, or temporary/transitional housing facility
- drug prescription issued by a government doctor or other governmental health care provider
- college and university roster used in conjunction with school photo ID