



Caucus How-To

Q: When are the Iowa caucuses?
A: They're the night of Jan. 19, the first day of classes for next semester. The Democratic caucus locations will have their doors open by 6:30 p.m. and the caucus will start by 7. The Democratic caucus in the 1st Ward, which contains Grinnell's campus and most of its students, is usually really big, and it could last until 9 or 9:30. The other wards' Democratic caucuses should be quicker. The Republicans don't have any times worked out for certain yet.

Q: Where do they take place?
A: Grinnell has four wards, one in each corner of the city. The college campus is in the **1st Ward** and the Democratic and Republican caucuses for that ward are in **Fairview Elementary**, three blocks east of campus on Eighth Avenue. *Students who live off campus, though, could be in one of the other wards. See the map on p. 12.* The **2nd Ward** site is **Bailey Park Elementary School** on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Reed Street. The **3rd Ward** site is the **Carman Center**, inside the Mayflower Health Center at 600 Park Street. The **4th Ward** site is **Davis Elementary School** between Main and Broad streets on Hamilton. And one tricky thing about the ward divisions: note that streets are divided between wards at their center lines. For example, you're in the first ward if you live on the east side of Main Street between Sixth Avenue and 11th Avenue but you're in the 2nd Ward if you live on the west side of Main Street between those streets.

Q: How can students register for the caucus? Do they have to be registered beforehand?
A: You can do everything on the night of the caucus. Assuming you're a U.S. citizen, all you have to do to register for a caucus is prove that you're yourself, that you'll be 18 by Nov. 2 and that you live in the area. A current driver's license and a student ID should be enough. Even if you've registered already, there's a chance you won't be on the list at the caucus site, so you should bring your IDs just in case.

Q: Does that mean I can't vote in my home state's primaries?
A: Yes. If you do sign up at a caucus you will immediately become a citizen of Grinnell, Iowa and a member of the appropriate party. That won't affect

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Bio

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Campaign song

Health care

War in Iraq

Bush tax cuts

Environment

GLBT rights

Education

Carol Moseley-Braun

Wesley Clark

Howard Dean

John Edwards

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U.S. Army (1966-2000). Served in Vietnam; was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star in 1970. Commanded NATO's Operation Allied Force in Kosovo. Retired as four-star general and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. Investment banker (2000-2003), and chairman of WaveCrest Laboratories (2003).

Investment broker (1972-1974); physician (1978-1991); state representative, Vermont (1983-1986); lieutenant governor (1986-1991); governor (1991-2002).

Lawyer in private practice (1978-1998); U.S. senator North Carolina (1999-present).

"You Gotta Be" by Des'ree.

None reported.

"A Little Less Conversation" by Elvis Presley.

"Small Town" by John Mellencamp.

Create a single-payer system that would have federal income taxes pay for all medical work.

Grant tax credits toward insurance for all young people and offer a government insurance plan for the otherwise uninsured.

Expand current programs to provide insurance for all young people and offer a government insurance plan for the otherwise uninsured.

Grant tax credits toward insurance for all young people and expand current programs to cover the poorer of the otherwise uninsured.

Opposed the war. Supports continued occupation.

Opposed the war. Would consider adding U.S. troops, but wants to internationalize the military effort and put it under the authority of NATO.

Opposed the war. Would not support cutting Pentagon budget during military operation in Iraq or a unilateral withdrawal of troops.

Voted for use of force in Iraq. Wants to support occupation with troops from other countries. Opposed Bush's request for \$50 billion to fund Iraq effort.

Repeal all income tax rate cuts. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$2 million.

Repeal Bush tax cuts for those making over \$200,000 annually. Restore estate tax, allow exemption but unsure how much.

Repeal all income tax rate cuts. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$5 million.

Freeze income tax rate cuts. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$7 million.

Worked to reduce toxic pollution in low-income urban areas. League of Conservation (LCV) lifetime score: 80 percent.

Chairman of a company that has developed a fuel efficient propulsion system for cars.

Protected hundreds of thousands of acres of Vermont land. As governor, created an energy efficiency program, but supported nuclear power.

Led Senate opposition to Air Act roll-backs. LCV lifetime score: 80 percent.

Supports gay marriage.

Opposes gay marriage, supports civil unions. Supports decision of Massachusetts Supreme Court.

Opposes gay marriage, supports civil unions. Opposes constitutional amendment defining marriage.

Opposes gay marriage, supports domestic-partner benefits for same-sex couples. Opposes constitutional amendment.

Would stop funding public schools through local property taxes and fund them primarily through a federal tax instead. Opposes the mandatory standardized testing system.

Has a \$70 billion universal preschool plan. Would invest \$20 billion over ten years to expand Head Start. Would fully fund the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Has a \$108 billion plan for a fund for early childhood for states to use. College commitment program would help fund the education of those preparing for college.

Make after school program available to children at or near every school and provide a year of free tuition to students who would work or volunteer 10 hours per week.



| | Richard Gephardt | John Kerry | Dennis Kucinich | Joseph Lieberman | Al Sharpton |
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| Missouri Air National Guard (1965-1971); lawyer in private practice (1965-1971); alderman, St. Louis (1971-1976); congressman, Missouri (1977-present); U.S. House Democratic leader (1989-2002). | U.S. Navy (1966-1970); commanded a river gunboat in Vietnam. Won Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. Assistant district attorney (1976-1979); lawyer in private practice (1980-1982); lieutenant governor, Massachusetts (1983-1985); U.S. senator, Massachusetts (1985-present). | Councilman, Cleveland (1969-1973, 1983); clerk of courts, Cleveland (1975); mayor, Cleveland (1977-1979); state senator, Ohio (1995-1996); congressman, Ohio (1997-present). | Lawyer in private practice (1967-1970, 1980-1982); U.S. senator, Connecticut (1988-present); attorney general, Connecticut (1982-1988); state senator, Connecticut (1971-1980). | Ordained minister since age 9 (1964-present); youth director, Operation Breadbasket (1969-71); founder/director, National Youth Movement (1971-1988); youth organizer for boxing promoter Don King (late 1970s-early 1980s); founder/director, National Action Network (1991-present). | |
| "The Best" by Tina Turner. | "I Won't Back Down" by Tom Petty and "No Surrender" by Bruce Springsteen. | None reported. | "We Are Family" by Sister Sledge. | "A Change Is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke. | |
| Grant tax credits to businesses worth 60 percent of the cost of insurance for all workers and require coverage from all businesses. | Expand current programs to provide insurance for all young people and offer a government insurance plan for the otherwise uninsured. | Create a single-payer system that would have federal income taxes pay for all medical work. | Create new programs to provide insurance for all young people and the poorest workers and to offer a government plan for the poorer of the uninsured. | Amend the Constitution to require quality universal health care. | |
| Voted for use of force in Iraq. Helped President Bush win support for the measure in Congress. Supported Bush's request for \$87 billion to fund Iraq effort. | Voted for use of force in Iraq. Supports putting governance and reconstruction in Iraq under UN control. Opposed Bush's request for \$87 billion to fund Iraq effort. | Opposed the war. Favors American withdrawal from Iraq. Opposed Bush's request for \$87 billion to fund Iraq effort. | Lead Senate sponsor in bill authorizing the use of force in Iraq; has called for more troops to be sent to Iraq under the command of NATO; supported \$87 billion to fund Iraq effort. | Opposed the war. | |
| Repeal all income tax rate cuts. Restore estate tax, allow exemption but unsure how much. | Freeze income tax rate cuts for top two tax brackets. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$8 million or \$10 million. | Repeal all income tax rate cuts. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$1 million. | Freeze income tax rate cuts for top two tax brackets. Restore estate tax, allow exemption but unsure how much. | Repeal all income tax rate cuts. Restore tax on estates valued at more than \$5 million. | |
| Advocated including environmental safeguards in international trade agreements and proposed a comprehensive national energy policy. LCV lifetime score: 66 percent. | Key player in recent Senate fights against drilling in the Arctic refuge, led fight to increase fuel efficiency of cars and trucks. LCV lifetime score: 96 percent. | Opposes spread of genetically modified food and expansion of nuclear power. LCV lifetime score: 90 percent. | Led battles to protect Arctic refuge since first elected, pushing for mandatory cap and trade program for carbon emissions. LCV lifetime score: 93 percent. | Has called for action to end childhood lead poisoning in New York City. | |
| Opposes gay marriage, supports civil unions. Opposes constitutional amendment. | Opposes gay marriage, supports right to civil unions. Opposes constitutional amendment. Does not support Massachusetts Supreme Court decision. | Supports gay marriage. | Opposes gay marriage, would let states decide about civil unions. | Supports gay marriage. | |
| Create a Teacher Corps program modeled on the ROTC program. Expand federal grant and loan programs, increasing the eligibility for financial aid among middle-class families. | Increase federal funding of education to meet the full commitment of No Child Left Behind and provide universal after-school to provide all families who want it. | Triple the Head Start budget. Introduced in Congress a bill to create a free, universal and voluntary pre-kindergarten program for three-five year old children. | Helped shape the No Child Left Behind Act and would fully fund it. Increase the maximum value of Pell grants from \$4,050 to \$6,150 in 2004-2005 and \$7,760 in 2008-2009. | Supports a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a public education of equal high quality. | |

For more info

Information gathered by Michael Andersen and Amanda Davis from the following websites:

Bio and campaign song info from slate.msn.com/id/2085967/

Tax cut info from DesMoinesRegister.com/extras/politics/caucus2004/issuesmain.html

Environment info from www.lcv.org/Campaigns/Campaigns.cfm?ID=1943&c=4

Gay rights info from www.primarymonitor.com/news/stories2003/ma_gaymarriage_candi_2003.shtml

Most other info from official candidate websites: www.carolforspresident.com www.clark04.com www.deanforamerica.com www.johnedwards2004.com www.dickgephardt2004.com www.johnkerry.com www.kucinich.us www.joe2004.com www.sharpton2004.org

For info on candidate platforms and voting records, see: www.primarymonitor.com www.vote-smart.org www.lwv.org

For local caucus coverage, see: DesMoinesRegister.com/extras/politics/caucus2004/index.html

For transcripts of debates, see: www.democrats.org/whitehouse/debates/