

**Regulation**

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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Prohibited Activities

The following political activities are prohibited on school district premises:

- A. Posting of political circulars or petitions on bulletin boards;
- B. Distribution of political circulars or petitions to employees including use of staff mail boxes except when delivered as part of the United States mail;
- C. Collection of and solicitation for campaign funds or contributions;
- D. Solicitation for campaign workers;
- E. Use of students for writing or addressing political materials or the distribution of such materials to or by students;
- F. Display of any materials that promote the candidacy of any candidate for office by a person working on an Election Day in a district facility used as a polling place.

Permitted Activities

The following political activities are permitted on school district premises:

- A. Conduct of student and employee elections and any campaigning connected with these elections;
- B. Classroom discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to studies;
- C. Distribution of political materials when approved by the chief school administrator and relevant to the class, curriculum, and maturity of students.

Employee Office Holders

Employees who hold elective or appointed office other than state legislator or county freeholder, as provided in statute, are not entitled to time off from their school duties for reasons incident to such offices, except as such time may qualify under the leave policies of the district or a currently valid negotiated agreement.

Election Day Candidate Absence

Employees, who are candidates for public office, except as provided by statute, are not excused from school on Election Day, if school is in session on that day. Such employees are entitled to be physically absent from school on that day, however they must make the day up at some other agreed upon time during the school year including working past the regular last day for teaching staff members.

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