

Board Policy G-17: Political Activities on District Property



REFERENCES

[Administrative Procedures for Board Policy G-17](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §20A-8-101\(4\), Definitions, "Registered political party"](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §20A-8-404, Use of public meeting buildings by political parties](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §20A-11-1201 et seq., Political Activities of Public Entities Act](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-11-206, Association leave](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §53G-10-202, Maintaining constitutional freedom in the public schools](#)

[Utah Code Ann. §76-8-402, Misusing public money](#)

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes the right of its employees to engage in political activity, and the value of advancing student and public knowledge of various political issues and community events. The board will not interfere or discourage students' or employees' legitimate exercise of political and civil rights, so long as such actions comply with law, board policy, and district administrative procedures. However, in accordance with state law, the use of district resources, including work time, for political activities or to influence a ballot proposition is prohibited. Accordingly, the board will effectively manage political activities on district property to assure that such activities comply with state law and do not distract from student instruction.

The purpose of this policy is to implement procedures related to conducting lawful campaign and/or political activities on district property.

The district will set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying [administrative procedures](#).

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United State Codes, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695.