Board Policy G-17:
Political Activities on District Property

REFERENCES

G-17: Administrative Procedures, Political Activities on District Property
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 educational value in advancing students’ knowledge and appreciation of various governmental and political issues, activities, and events. The board also recognizes the constitutional rights of its employees and students to engage in political activity which conforms with state and federal law. 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. State law prohibits the use of district resources, including work time, for political activities or to influence a ballot proposition.

The purpose of this policy is to manage political activities on district property to assure that such activities comply with the law and do not distract from student instruction.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying administrative procedures.