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-10-202, Maintaining constitutional freedom in the public schools

Utah Code Ann. §53G-11-206, Association leave

Utah Code Ann. §76-8-402, Misusing public money

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education recognizes the educational value of 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 that conforms with state and federal law. The board will not interfere with 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, 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 ensure 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 <u>administrative</u> <u>procedures</u>.

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, sex, 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 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/Title IX Coordinator, 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.