

MAGNOLIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATIONS REGARDING ELECTIONEERING

Pursuant to Texas Election Code § 61.003, and Board Policies BBBB (LEGAL), and GKDA (LOCAL), Magnolia Independent School District (the "District") has implemented the following administrative regulations to provide reasonable guidelines for Electioneering on District owned or controlled public property when such property is used as an election polling place. These regulations are limited to District owned or controlled public property used as a polling location.

Regulations contained herein are to mitigate against safety concerns, prevent damage to public property, and ensure against the disruption of the District's educational programs and operations.

A. Definitions

1. Electioneering shall mean the posting, use, or distribution of political signs, or literature, or advocating for or against a candidate or a measure.
2. Voting Period shall mean the period each day beginning the hour the polls are open for voting and ending when the polls close or the last voter has voted, whichever is later on Election Day, and early voting days.

B. Restrictions on Electioneering

1. Electioneering at early voting and Election Day shall only take place in the designated areas established by the District.
2. No vehicles or trailers shall be allowed on the grassed areas on the District controlled or owned property. Overnight parking of all vehicles for Electioneering is strictly prohibited. Any vehicle in violation shall be towed at the owner's expense.
3. Electioneering on District property that creates a disruption of the District's educational programs and operations, and/or that causes a safety threat to pedestrians, students, staff, District personnel, and other community members is strictly prohibited, and such behavior will not be tolerated. Any violators who fail to comply after notice of these regulations, in addition to possible imposition of criminal penalty, shall be removed from District property by law enforcement. Examples of disruptive behavior include, but are not limited to: honking, blocking the right of way for pedestrians and other vehicles, creating excessive noise or other nuisance.

C. Political Signage

1. Political signs shall only be placed in the designated area established by the District beginning twenty-four (24) hours before early voting and must be removed no later than twenty-four (24) hours after voting closes on Election Day, at which time the items shall be removed by the person or organization placing them;
2. During the Voting Period, a maximum of two (2) temporary political signs for each candidate, or measure may be placed within the District designated Electioneering area;
3. No political sign shall exceed two feet in width and two feet in height (2'X2');
4. A political sign shall not be placed in the District designated area in a manner such that it obscures or blocks another sign(s);
5. No political sign shall be attached to improvements and landscaping; and
6. Any political signs installed prior to the authorized time, placed in a location other than the designated location, or not removed with the time prescribed herein, may be removed by District personnel and discarded.

D. Tents or Canopies

1. Tents or canopies are permitted **ONLY** in Electioneering designated area.
2. Only one (1) tent or canopy shall be erected for each candidate or measure.