

**Policy Statement #1020 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding Political Activities on CCPS Property and During School Activities**

I. Purpose

- A. To provide direction for how the school system will interact with political campaigns, political parties, partisan groups, and candidates for public office

II. Definitions

- A. Campaign Material – Materials containing text, graphic or other images, relates to a candidate, a prospective candidate, or the approval or rejection of a ballot question and is published or distributed. This includes materials transmitted or appearing on the Internet or other electronic medium as well as oral campaign advertisements. Road signs are also considered to be campaign materials.
- B. Candidate – An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy, for election to a public or party office. This includes an individual, prior to that individual filing a certificate of candidacy, if a campaign finance entity has been established on behalf of that individual.
- C. Partisan – Devoted to or biased in support of or opposition to a political party, group, or cause.
- D. Political party – An organized group that is qualified as a political party in accordance with Title 4 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- E. Political campaign – An organized effort to influence the decision-making process of voters in regard to the outcome of a primary, general, or special election.
- F. Public office – A job or position to which an individual must be elected in a general or special election.

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education recognizes the importance of the political process in protecting and advancing our democratic society. Students, employees and community members have the right to participate in the political process. At the same time, the Board of Education must protect the right of students to learn in an environment which is nonpartisan and free from disruption. The Board of Education, therefore, will allow political, partisan activities on CCPS property in certain, well defined situations.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

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- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review
 - A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.
- VII. Effective Date
 - A. This policy is effective November 10, 2022.

Citations

State Law: Title 4 and §1-101 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
State Reg.:
Federal Law:
Adm. Reg.:
Neg. Agr.:
Other Citation:

Related CCPS Policies:

1048 Outdoor Signs
1200 Selection and Service of the Student Member to the Board of Education
3405 Student Participation in Political Campaigns
8105 School Visitation
8120 Use of School Facilities

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