

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

- A. Except as provided below, the Fair Campaign Practices Act (the “FCPA”) prohibits Colorado Springs School District 11 (the “District”) from:
1. Making contributions in campaigns involving the nomination, retention or election of any person to any public office;
 2. Making any donation to any other person for the purpose of making an independent expenditure; and
 3. Expending any moneys from any source, or making any contributions to urge electors to vote in favor of or against:
 - (a) Any statewide ballot issue that has been submitted for the purpose of having a title designated and fixed or that has had a title designated and fixed;
 - (b) A local ballot issue that has been submitted for the purpose of having a title fixed or that has had a title fixed;
 - (c) A referred measure; or
 - (d) A measure for the recall of any officer that has been certified by the appropriate election official for submission to the electors for their approval or rejection.
- B. Notwithstanding the above:
1. A member of the District’s Board of Education (“Board Member”) or an employee, acting on behalf of the District, may respond to questions about any issue described in section A above if the Board Member, employee or the District has not solicited the questions.
 2. A Board Member or employee, who has policy making responsibilities, may expend no more than fifty dollars of public money in the form of letters, telephone calls or other activities incidental to expressing his or her opinion on any issue described in section A above (see C.R.S. 1-45-117 (1)(a)(II)).
 3. The District may expend public monies or make contributions to dispense a factual summary, which shall include arguments both for and against the proposal, on any issue of official concern before the electorate in the District. Such summary may not contain a conclusion or opinion in favor

of or against any particular issue. An issue of official concern is limited to issues that will appear on an election ballot in the District.

4. A Board Member may express his or her personal opinion on any issue.
5. The Board of Education may pass a resolution or take a position on any issue described in section A above.
6. The District may report the passage of or distribute such resolution through established customary means, other than paid advertising, by which information about other proceedings of the Board is regularly provided to the public.

C. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit:

1. Any Board member or employee from expending personal funds, making personal contributions, or using personal time to urge electors to vote in favor of or against any candidate for office or any issue described in section A above (*i.e.* speaking at campaign events, having yard signs at their homes, waving signs, or going door-to-door); and
2. The District, in accordance with Board Policy KF, from renting space in its facilities to interested individuals or groups for campaign purposes, so long as all individuals and groups are treated the same.

D. Other:

1. Employees are prohibited from political advertising during working hours on District property, including wearing political buttons or slogans on their clothing.
2. Teachers are prohibited from taking positions in the classroom for or against candidates or issues described in section A above.
3. Political signs are prohibited on District property or on rights of way adjacent to District property in accordance with Board Policy KHE.

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CROSS REFS.: KF, Community Use of District Property (for Non-District Use)
KHE, Political Solicitations in Schools/District

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 1-45-101, *et seq.*