

**POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

**Definition**

For the purposes of this policy, *political purpose* is defined in accordance with NDCC 16.1-10-02.

**Rights and Restrictions**

The District recognizes that district employees, students, volunteers, and board members have certain civic rights (e.g., the right to be an active member of a political party of choice; the right to seek, campaign for, and serve in public office; the right to vote). However, in accordance with law, the District prohibits the use of school property, school time, and school services for political purposes except as authorized by law and board approval. Use of the school delivery system for political purposes is also prohibited. Employees shall not use on-duty hours for political purposes and shall observe state law prohibiting political activities by public employees. No district employee or volunteer shall exploit students for political purposes.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent:

1. The discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to classroom studies. During any such study or discussion, employees shall observe the district’s policy on academic freedom.
2. The conducting of student and employee organization elections and campaigning connected therewith.

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Complementing NDSBA Templates (may contain items not adopted by the Board)

- DE, Staff Code of Conduct
- GBA, Academic Freedom

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