

Descriptor Term: POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF STAFF MEMBERS

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The Board of Trustees recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in activities that exemplify good citizenship.

The Board recognizes the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. Campaign literature supporting one or more candidates will not be distributed within the schools or on school buses by students, teachers, or others, nor will campaign posters be displayed on school owned property. Additionally, staff members and students will not wear t-shirts, badges, etc, in support of a candidate. Nothing in this policy should be interpreted as prohibiting employees from conducting appropriate activities which encourage students to become involved in the political processes of the party of the student's choice or as independents, nor does it prohibit the use of political figures as resource persons in the classroom. Employees will not poll their pupils to determine how their parents are voting on any issue, and will not attempt to indoctrinate pupils with personal political and social philosophy. Customary community political activities may be expected days on election days at schools when schools are used as polling places.

School property and school time will not be used for political purposes.