

Calvert County Public Schools
1305 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

**Policy Statement #3405 (Students) of the Board of Education
Regarding Student Participation in Political Campaign Activities**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To encourage eleventh and twelfth grade students to participate in the political process while providing appropriate procedures by which those students may be excused from school to participate in a political campaign activity
- II. Definitions
 - A. Candidate – an individual who files a certificate of candidacy for public or party office
 - B. Political campaign – an organized effort to gain support for a candidate, political party, or issue during an election
 - C. 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
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. Eleventh and twelfth grade students enrolled in the Calvert County Public Schools system may participate in political campaign activities during a general election year with parental consent, approval of the principal or his/her designee, and at the request of a political party or candidate.
- 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
 - 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 July 9, 2026.

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Reviewed without any changes:

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Citations

State Law: §7-301(3)(b) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
§1-101
Title 4 of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
State Reg.: COMAR 13A.08.01.03(E)
Federal Law:
Adm. Reg.:
Neg. Agr.:
Other Citation:

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