Community Relations

Political Campaigning on School Property

The Board of Trustees supports the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. At the same time, the Board of Trustees must provide a safe and secure educational environment for students.

Idaho Code designates public school facilities to serve as potential polling places. Due to the potential disruptive nature of electioneering, it shall not be permitted on any district property.

Electioneering shall include, but is not limited to, any conduct or activities that advocate for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot, soliciting signatures on a petition, soliciting contributions, waving campaign signs, distributing campaign literature, or disseminating audible electioneering information. The flow of traffic onto school district property shall not be impeded. *This policy shall not apply to any public easement locations on the edges of district property*.

Electioneering is entirely prohibited on all district property ***at all times***. For the purpose of this policy, "at all times" includes instructional hours, non-instructional hours, weekends, holidays, and all school breaks (*365 days of the year*).

The Administration is directed to enforce this policy by declaring anyone engaging in electioneering on district property as trespassing and shall be asked to vacate the premises. Anyone refusing to vacate the premises shall be subject to removal by law enforcement.

This policy is not applicable to student government elections. Electioneering related to student government elections shall be conducted in accordance with rules set by building administration.

Legal References:

IC 18-2318	Electioneering at Polls
IC 18-7008	Criminal Trespass – Definitions and Acts Constituting
IC 33-512(11)	Governance of Schools
IC 34-302	Designation of Precinct Polling Places

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