

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Election Activities

The Board of Education considers the active participation of students in the election process to be a valuable educational experience provided that it is conducted in such a manner that the privacy of the students and their families is safeguarded, that there is a minimum disruption to the school program, and that personnel are not exploited on behalf of the advocacy of any specific individual or issue. In keeping with this general statement, the Board of Education may permit a student initiated pre-election survey of student opinion, subject to any Board policy or regulation regarding student privacy.

Pre-election activity, including visits to the schools by candidates for public office, must be coordinated with and approved by the building principal.

Campaign Literature

Except as noted below, campaign literature may not be distributed on school property, and campaign signs will not be permitted on school property. Campaign literature and signs are defined to include all display materials originating outside the public school that are of a political nature.

On election day, campaign literature and signs are permitted on the grounds of any school being used as a polling place, subject to the elections laws. Election activities, signage and/or other materials that disrupt work activities of school employees shall not be permitted. Any campaign materials brought on school property on election day must be immediately removed after the polls close.

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