

**STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

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The Board of Education recognizes and encourages the rights of its employees as citizens to engage in political activities, but they are prohibited from doing so during work hours. While teachers may not use the school environment as a forum for promoting their political views, they may raise "current events" issues in class, if appropriate to their specific curriculum for educational purposes, and encourage students to become involved in the political process.

Employees may not use their employment by the Board as an endorsement of their individual political views.

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