

SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Policy

Political Activities in the Schools

The Board strongly supports the concepts of representative government and elected office. The Board expresses its admiration for those who seek and obtain public office. Further, the Board recognizes that the public schools are tax-supported and should be accessible to the community. The Board, however, does believe that the educational process should be clearly separate from the political activities associated with campaigns for public office.

Therefore, political activities in the schools during school hours shall be restricted to those of an educational nature that are beneficial to students as part of their program of study.

- (cf. 1140 – Distribution of Materials by Students)
- (cf. 1311.1 – Political Activities of School Employees)
- (cf. 3515 – Community Use of School Facilities)
- (cf. 3543.13 – Mail and Delivery)
- (cf. 4118.21 – Academic Freedom)
- (cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)
- (cf. 6153.2 – Student Participation in Election Process)

- Legal Reference:
- Connecticut General Statutes
 - 7-421 Political activities of classified municipal employees.
 - 7-421b Limitation on restriction of political rights of municipal employees.
 - 9-369b Explanatory text relating to local questions.
 - 10-156e Employees of boards of education permitted to serve as elected officials; exception
 - 10-239 Use of school facilities for other purposes
 - 31-51q Liability of employer for discipline or discharge of employee on account of employee's exercise of certain constitutional rights.
 - Keyishian v. Board of Regents* 395 U.S. 589, 603 (1967)
 - Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 9/9/81)
 - Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. ss 4071-4074