

Campaigning for Public Office on District Property by Non-Students

“Campaigning” means actively soliciting votes for a candidate for public office, whether by the candidate or someone on behalf of the candidate. This can take the form of speech, apparel and distribution or posting of literature, signs or other information.

“District property” means those buildings and grounds owned by the District.

This Policy does not apply to District students or student organizations.

The following prohibitions and restrictions apply to all campaigning for public office, except that District students may engage in campaigning to the extent permitted by other policies, regulations and rules governing student behavior:

- No campaigning on District property.
- No campaigning in such a location or manner that blocks access to District property.
- No political or campaign signs may be posted on District property, except at designated locations at polling places on Election Day, or as permitted by the organizer of a non-partisan debate, speech or other similar event authorized by the District pursuant to its policies regarding permitted use of school facilities.
- No political or campaign buttons, clothing, literature, or similar items may be distributed on District property, except at designated locations at polling places on Election Day, or as permitted by the organizer of a non-partisan debate, speech or other similar event authorized by the District pursuant to its policies regarding permitted use of school facilities.
- During School Board meetings, candidates may not use the public comment period to campaign.
- Non-partisan community groups may use District facilities for debates, speeches and similar events. Such events must be conducted in a non-partisan manner and also must otherwise comply with Board Policy. However, subject to the requirements of other District policies regarding permitted use of school facilities, student organizations may use District facilities, after school hours, for debates, speeches and similar events without any requirement that the event be conducted in a non-partisan manner.
- Candidates for public office may not visit District schools to campaign, and any visit, announced or unannounced, will be presumed to be for the purpose of campaigning, unless the candidate has a legitimate educational purpose to visit the school, or unless the candidate is attending an event open to the general public. Whether the candidate has a legitimate educational purpose is determined by the building principal, subject to review by the Superintendent. A legitimate educational purpose may include attendance at events, classes or meetings by invitation of:
 - The School Board,

- Building administrator for the school being visited,
- Class A Group as defined in Policy 7040 (School-Sponsored Activities and Student Organizations), or
- Class B Group as defined in Policy 7040 (District and School-Related Parent Organizations) with prior approval of Building Principal.

Any questions about District programs or operations may be directed either to the Superintendent or to the Board Secretary.

Cross reference: Policy 7040 *Use of District Facilities*