

POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The board recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. School property and school time, supported by public funds, may not be used for political purposes.

District employees, when authorized by the board or superintendent, may provide information or communicate on matters pertaining to school district affairs or advocate the official position or interests of the district to any elected official or officer or employee of any agency. The district shall submit quarterly statements in compliance with requirements of the Public Disclosure Commission.

District employees who hold elective or appointive office in an organization are not entitled to time off from their school duties for reasons incident to such offices except as such time may qualify under leave policies of the district.

The superintendent is directed to establish procedures that are in compliance with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 5224	Staff Participation in Political Activities
Legal Reference:	RCW 42.17.130	Forbids use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns
	42.17.190	Legislative activities of state agencies and other units of government

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Political Relationships with Governmental Agencies

All "lobbying" activities on behalf of the school district shall be conducted under the direction of the superintendent and/or board. For purposes of this procedure, "lobbying" means attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation or the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard, rate or other legislative enactment by any state agency.

The district shall file a quarterly report (PDC Form L-5) with the Public Disclosure Commission when "in person lobbying" exceeds four days or parts of days during any three month period in aggregate for all employees at the district. In person lobbying includes testifying at legislative committee hearings and state agency hearings on rules and regulations but does not include attendance merely to monitor or observe testimony and debate. Quarterly reports are due at the Public Disclosure Commission on or before April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 3.

District funds shall not be expended for dinners, entertainment or campaign contributions.