

SECTION: ADMINISTRATIVE
EMPLOYEES

MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

TITLE: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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| | 321. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES |
| 1. Purpose | The Board recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. However, District property and District time, paid for by the citizens, may not be used for political purposes when performing assigned duties. |
| 2. Authority | The Board adopts the following guidelines for those administrative staff members who intend to engage in political activities. |
| 3. Guidelines Pol. 707 | <p>No employee shall engage in political activities during assigned hours or upon property under the jurisdiction of the Board unless permission has been granted for that purpose through the Use of Facilities Policy.</p> <p>Political circulars or petitions may not be posted or distributed in school, except by U.S. Mail.</p> <p>Collection of and/or solicitation for campaign funds or campaign workers is prohibited on school property during working hours.</p> <p>The use of students for writing, addressing, or distributing partisan political materials is forbidden.</p> <p>When working in a facility of this District used as a polling place on an officially declared election day, District employees shall not promote the candidacy of any candidate or political party.</p> <p>District employees who hold elective or appointive office are not entitled to time off from their school duties for reasons incident to such offices, except as such time may qualify under the leave policies of the Board.</p> <p>The following situations are exempt from the provisions of this policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion and study of politics and political issues when appropriate to classroom studies, such as history, current events, and political science. |

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| <p>Pol. 317</p> | <p>2. Conduct of student elections and connected campaigning.</p> <p>3. Conduct of employee representative elections.</p> <p>Violations of this policy may constitute cause for disciplinary action, at the Board's discretion.</p> |
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