

RELATIONS WITH POLITICAL ORGANIZATION
(PUBLIC FUNDS)

The Board believes in the importance of democracy and the rights of citizens to be involved in politics, but recognizes state and federal laws that prohibit schools from seeking to influence elections.

School district funds, whether derived from local, state, or federal sources, will not be used for the purpose of influencing elections or ballot measures to be decided by the community or statewide voters.

The school will not accept any funds, grants, or gifts for election costs from any source other than the governing body of a political subdivision, the state, or the federal government, except for gifts of a nominal and intrinsic value as defined by the South Dakota State Board of Elections.

The school will, in keeping with state and federal law, offer factual information on ballot measures that have the potential to affect district operations, including opt-out campaigns and bond campaigns, to the public for the purpose of educating voters.

School resources, including staff time, shall not be used for political purposes.

LEGAL REF.: SDCL 12-27-20
Hatch Act
Davis-Bacon Act

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