

Political Activity - Staff Participation

The Board recognizes its individual employees' rights of citizenship, including, but not limited to, engaging in political activities. An employee of the District may seek an elective office, provided that the staff member does not campaign during instructional times or while they are responsible for other duties, or while they are in settings where they are likely to have contact with students; and provided all other legal requirements are met. The District assumes no obligation beyond making such opportunities available.

No person may attempt to coerce, command, or require a public employee to support or oppose any political committee, the nomination or election of any person to public office, or the passage of a ballot issue.

The District shall not restrict constitutionally protected political speech of employees during non-instructional times in non-student contact settings, such as during duty-free periods in faculty break rooms and lounges during the school day or during afterschool events.

No district employee may use public facilities, equipment, including, but not limited to, telephones, fax machines, copy machines, computers, e-mail, etc., or supplies that are purchased with public funds for election or political campaigns, private or charitable organizations or foundations or ballot issues.

No district employee may work on election, political campaigns, ballot issues or issues dealing with private or charitable organizations or foundations during the time that they are also working for the school district.

Legal Reference: 5 USC 7321, et seq. Hatch Act
Idaho Constitution Article III, Section 1
Idaho Attorney General Opinion No. 95-07

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