

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY STAFF

The Board of Education recognizes that staff members have civic responsibilities and/or rights including the right to vote, to be an active member of the political party of their choice, to campaign for candidates for election to public office and to seek, campaign for and serve in public office. However, the Board also recognizes that students and staff should not be subjected to active political campaigning by staff members.

1. Where discussions with students about candidates for any political office and issues occur as a part of the instructional program, teachers must present a balanced review of major political platforms or issues so as to afford students the opportunity to do their own thinking and decision-making.
2. No staff member may solicit or receive from any officer or employee of a political subdivision of this state any contribution or service for any political purpose during established hours of employment or while the officer or employee is engaged in his/her official duties.
3. No school employee shall use in any way the classrooms, buildings, or students for the purpose of solicitation, election, promotion or defeat of any referendum, candidate for public office, legislation, or political action.
4. No school employee shall make use of school equipment or materials for the purpose of solicitation, election, promotion or defeat of any referendum, candidate for public office, legislation, or political action.
5. Nothing in this policy is meant to prohibit school employees from providing information in connection with any election, referendum or legislation when authorized by the School Board or District Administrator and consistent with legal limitations on the use of public funds and school District resources. Also, this policy does not apply to use of District facilities by employees for events or activities that are not within their scope of employment and that are held pursuant to the District's policies regarding facilities use by third parties.

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§ 6.76, 11.1207, 12.07, 19.59

Cross References: Policy 830 Use of School Facilities

Adoption Date: 4/16/2012

Date Revised: 2/17/2025