

BOARD POLICY

Board of Education Elections, Candidate Qualifications and Candidate Campaigning

A. Eligibility for Board of Education Position

Any person is eligible to be a member of the District's Board of Education, without further qualifications, if he/she is 18 years of age or older, a citizen of California, a resident of the school district, a registered voter, and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. Any person who has been convicted of a felony involving the giving, accepting, or offering of a bribe, embezzlement or theft of public funds, extortion, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any such crime, under California law or the law of another state, the United States of America, or another country, is not eligible to be a candidate for office or be a Board member except when he/she has been granted a pardon in accordance with law.

Any District employee elected to the Board shall resign his/her employment before being sworn in or shall have his/her employment automatically terminated upon being sworn into office.

B. Campaigning for Board of Education Position

To help protect the public's trust in the electoral process as well as the public's confidence in the Board and district, the District encourages all candidates to sign and adhere to the principles in the Code of Fair Campaign Practices pursuant to Elections Code 20440.

The District has established reasonable rules and regulations regarding political activities on District property including, but not limited to, restrictions on the involvement in political activities by employee (Board Policy 7127), the distribution of materials to students by outside agencies (Administrative Regulation 1130.1) and restrictions on the campaigning on school property, adjacent or near school property, and through advertisements at school events (Administrative Regulation 1130.2). Any campaign activities occurring on District property must follow the procedures and practices outlined in these policies and regulations, including District Board Policy 3135 governing the use of school facilities and grounds. This includes campaign activities by incumbent members of the Board of Trustees.

The District's rules and regulations are distributed and reinforced by guidance memorandum issued by the Superintendent's office.

Ref: EC Section 1000, 1006, 7050, 7053, 7054, 7055, 35107, 35177
Elections Code Sections 20, 20440
Government Code Sections 1021, 1097, 12940, 81000-91014

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