

ELECTIONEERING IN SCHOOLS

Campaigning within a school building by individual candidates or those campaigning on their behalf during school hours is not permitted. However, at times other than school hours, candidates or those campaigning on their behalf may leave literature, posters, etc., within a school building at a table in the school office, in a faculty lounge, or other designated area. Staff and students may wear campaign buttons or badges. Electioneering during the hours of any vote is prohibited within the polling place or within 100 feet of any such polling place. Displays or handout items of any political nature, except those provided by law, shall be prohibited by any individual, group or organization in any school building on those days when the polls are open for voting on school district matters.

Candidates or those campaigning on their behalf may be invited to schools as part of the instructional program. Care shall be exercised to ensure a balanced presentation. The social studies department has established guidelines for these instructional programs.

District school buildings may be used after school hours by candidates or those campaigning on their behalf under the guidelines contained in the Public Use of School Facilities (Policy 1500).

Cross-ref: Public Use of School Facilities (Policy 1500)

NYSSBA Ref: Candidates and Campaigning (2120.1) – Recommended Policy

Ref: Education Law §2553

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