

POLITICAL

Political Activities

A. Statement of principal

The board of education recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. However, the board of education also recognizes that school property and school time, paid for by all of the people, shall not be used for political purposes. It therefore enacts the following rules in regard to political activity:

1. Employees shall not engage in political activities upon property under the jurisdiction of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. "Property", as used herein, includes school premises, property owned by the Lyndhurst Township School District, and property in the possession of the Lyndhurst Township School District, whether the possession be through lease or otherwise. However, outside of on-duty hours employees have the same right as all other persons to participate in political activities.
2. The following activities upon property under the jurisdiction of the Lyndhurst Township Board of Education are specifically prohibited:
 - a. Posting of political circulars or petitions on bulletin boards
 - b. The distribution, to employees, whether by placing in their school mailboxes, or otherwise, of political circulars or petitions, United States Mail being excepted
 - c. The collection of and/or solicitation for campaign funds
 - d. Solicitations for campaign workers
 - e. the use of pupils for writing or addressing political materials or the distribution of such materials to pupils



3. Elections to determine membership of the board of education shall be considered to be political within the meaning of these rules.
4. Violation of any of the foregoing rules shall, at the discretion of the Lyndhurst Township Board of Education, constitute cause for reprimand, suspension or dismissal.

B. Rule exceptions

1. The discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to classroom studies, such as history, current events, and political science.
2. The conducting of pupil and employee elections and campaigning connected therewith.

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Legal Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature as to candidacy, bond issues, or other public question question to be submitted at election; prohibited