

STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The School Committee recognizes that employees of the school district have the same fundamental civic responsibilities and privileges as other citizens. Among these are campaigning for an elective public office and holding an elective or appointive public office.

In connection with his/her campaigning, no employee shall use school district facilities, equipment, or supplies; nor shall the employee discuss the campaign with school personnel or students during the working day; nor shall he/she use any time during the working day for campaigning purposes. Under no circumstances, will students be pressured into campaigning for any staff member.

In addition, Plan E for the city government states:

No employee of any department...of the city shall directly or indirectly, give solicit or receive or in any manner be concerned in giving, soliciting or receiving any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party or for any candidate for city office. Whoever violates any provisions of this section shall be punished... and... his office or position in the service of the city shall thereby be vacated and he shall never again be eligible for any office or position, elective or otherwise, in the service of the city.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L.c. 71, §44

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