

Employees seeking political office or involved in political campaigns of another candidate, as well as other candidates who are not employees, are prohibited from conducting campaign activities during regular working hours on school premises. Under no circumstances will a candidate or employee be permitted to use students during school hours in any campaign activity. Similarly, candidates and employees are prohibited from using school machines, equipment, or electronic communication systems (e.g., District email accounts, texting on District-owned cell phones) or materials to produce campaign literature.

Those seeking to promote themselves or another candidate for election are to observe the following rules:

1. Candidates or their supporters may not place campaign materials in the schools or on school grounds, in or on school-owned property, or through District-owned communication systems.

2. Candidates, if invited by the Superintendent or Board to candidate forums, will be permitted to appear at public meetings after school hours. Attendance by Staff and Students will not be mandatory. Otherwise, no campaigning will be allowed in the buildings and no visits to classrooms or lounges for campaigning purposes will be permitted.

3. Students are not to be asked to take home campaign literature for individual candidates.

4. Sale of tickets for campaign fundraisers will not be permitted on any school premises.

References: NMSA 1978, § 22-14-14
6.60.9.8.B(5), NMAC