

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

While in the performance of his/her assigned school duties, whether it be in the classroom, in the school, or on the school grounds, an employee in his/her presentations to the students, or in his/her discussions or conversations with them, should handle all controversial, and political issues in a strictly non-partisan manner.

1. No employee of the Terrebonne Parish School Board shall engage in any political activity while at work, either on the School Board property, including school buses, or while engaged in employment activities. As used in this policy, "political activity" includes any effort to support or oppose the election of a candidate for political office or to support a particular political party in an election, including the making or solicitation of campaign contributions, exhibition or distribution of cards, pictures, handbills, pins, or other campaign paraphernalia, and telephone solicitation. Employees shall not be prohibited from discussing political candidates or parties among themselves out of the presence of school children.
2. No School Board property shall be used for political activity of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to, mailing lists, postage, and duplicating machines.
3. No person, including candidates for public office, shall be permitted to solicit votes or support from employees or school children on School Board property, including school buses, during work hours.
4. No employee shall be held accountable to the Terrebonne Parish School Board for political activities in which the employee engages while not at work or while not engaged in employment activities.
5. This policy shall not prohibit the furnishing of paid political advertisements in connection with the support of extracurricular activities.

Ref: Board minutes, 5-17-88, 5-21-91, 7-16-91, 8-20-02.