

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES #203

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND

The Burnaby School District is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is politically neutral, respectful, and focused on educational purposes. Schools and District facilities must not be used to promote or oppose any political party, candidate, or campaign.

This Administrative Procedure provides direction regarding political activities in schools and on District property, while supporting appropriate civic education consistent with the *School Act* and other applicable legislation.

PROCEDURES

1. Political Campaigning
 - a. Political campaigning by individual candidates or political parties for municipal, school board, provincial, or federal elections is not permitted on School District property or during school-sponsored activities.
 - b. The posting or distribution of political campaign materials on lands or within buildings owned or operated by the Burnaby School District is prohibited, except as permitted under sections 2 or 3 of this Administrative Procedure.
2. Educational Activities
 - a. Schools may organize all-candidate forums, assemblies, or similar events for educational purposes, provided that participation is voluntary, all candidates are given equal opportunity, and the event is impartial and educational in nature.
 - b. Political materials may be used as instructional resources in classrooms provided that they are used solely for educational purposes and do not solicit support for or opposition to a candidate or party.
3. Use of District Facilities
 - a. School facilities may be rented outside of instructional hours by political candidates or parties on a commercial rental basis, in accordance with District procedures.
 - b. Political materials may only be displayed in rented spaces and must be removed immediately following the event.
4. Distribution of Materials
 - a. Political campaign materials must not be distributed through schools or sent home to parents and/or guardians via students or school communication systems.

- b. Information related to school board elections may be posted or distributed only as directed by the Board of Education or the Superintendent.

5. Exceptional Circumstances

- a. The Superintendent may rule on extraordinary requests related to political activities not clearly addressed in this Administrative Procedure.
- b. Any such rulings will be reported to the Board of Education for information.

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Cross References: [School Act](#)