R 3233 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A. Prohibited Activities

The following political activities are prohibited on school district premises:

1. Posting of political circulars or petitions on bulletin boards;

2. The distribution to employees, whether by placing in their school mailboxes or otherwise, of political circulars or petitions, except as delivered by the U.S. Postal Service;

3. Collection of and solicitation for campaign funds;

4. Solicitation for campaign workers;

5. Use of pupils for writing or addressing political materials or the distribution of such materials to or by pupils; and

6. Display of any materials that promote the candidacy of any candidate for office by a person working on an election day in a district facility used as a polling place.

B. Permitted Activities

The following political activities are permitted on school premises.

1. Conduct of pupil and employee elections and any campaigning connected with those elections.

2. Classroom discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to studies such as history, current events, or political science.

3. Distribution of political materials when approved by the _____ and when relevant to the class, curriculum, and maturity of the pupils. Any such material shall be presented by the teacher without bias or discrimination.

C. Employee Office Holders

Employees who hold elective or appointed office other than state legislator or county freeholder (as provided in statute) are not entitled to time off from their school duties for reasons incident to such offices, except as such time may qualify under the leave policies of the Board of Education or a currently valid negotiated agreement.