

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: STAFF PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

CODE: GBG

School employees may exercise their right to participate fully in affairs of public interest on a local, county, state and national level on the same basis as any citizen in a comparable position in public or private employment and within the law.

All school district employees are privileged within the limitations imposed by state and federal laws and regulations to choose any side of a particular issue and to support their viewpoints, as they desire by vote, discussion, or persuading others. Such discussion and persuasion, however, will not be carried on during the performance of school duties, except in open discussion during classroom lessons that consider all candidates for a particular office or any side of a particular political or civil issue.

On all controversial issues, employees must designate that the viewpoints they represent on the issues are personal and are not to be interpreted as the school district's official viewpoint.

An employee who intends to campaign for an elective public office will notify the superintendent in writing prior to the time of filing or public announcement, whichever is sooner, of the office that the employee intends to seek. The superintendent will meet with and discuss these matters with the employee involved and will then bring the matter to the Board for consideration.

No employee will use school district facilities, equipment or supplies in connection with his/her campaigning, nor will he/she use any time during the working day for campaign purposes.

END OF POLICY

Legal References: ORS Chapter 244
 ORS 260.432

Oregon Constitution, Article XV, Section 8 (adopted Nov. 4, 1958)

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