

POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN MATERIAL IN THE SCHOOLS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

It is the policy of the Laconia School Board not to permit active, recognized and avowed candidates for political office on any level to visit District Schools during the course of their campaigns unless specifically invited in conjunction with all other candidates for the same office. In order to avoid any appearance of impropriety, and to assure political neutrality, the Board has established the following guidelines:

SCHOOL VISITATIONS

- The time permitted for political candidates to visit schools will be at the discretion of the Building Administration and be of equal duration for all candidates.
- The itinerary for each candidate will be planned by the Building Administration and be the same for all candidates.
- No campaign promotional items or literature may be distributed by any candidate visiting a school. **Campaign material including posters, handouts etc. will be allowed in the school if campaign material is used in a lesson plan and is presented in a non-political manner.**
- No political sound systems will be permitted on school property.
- Each candidate's visitation party will be limited to three people, including the candidate.
- Candidates will not be permitted to send a representative in their stead.
- Candidate visitation will only be arranged for the District's secondary schools.

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