

<b>BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual</b>
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Section: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Title: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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**421. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

- .1 The Board recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. School property and school time may not be used for political purposes.
- .2 The Board adopts the following guidelines for those staff members who intend to engage in political activities.
  - .21 No professional employee shall engage in political activities upon property under the jurisdiction of the Board unless permission has been granted for that purpose through the “Use of Facilities” policy of the Board.
  - .22 Political circulars or petitions may not be posted or distributed in school, unless approved by the Principal as an appropriate educational experience.
  - .23 The collection of campaign funds and/or the solicitation for campaign workers is prohibited on school property.
  - .24 The use of pupils for writing, or addressing political materials, or the distribution of such materials to or by pupils is forbidden.
- .3 District employees who hold elective or appointive office 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, or a currently valid negotiated agreement of the Board.