

TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	REGULATION NUMBER: 2980-1
SUBJECT: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING STUDENTS OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES	DATE OF ISSUE: 06/18/80 <hr/> REVISIONS: 02/11/85; 02/27/92; 08/01/96 <hr/> PREPARING OFFICE: INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING

I. PURPOSE:

To establish procedures by which school employees and students may participate in political activities.

II. LIMITATIONS AND GUIDELINES:

Political activities must be within the following limitations:

- A. School employees shall be free to engage in political activities and to campaign and run for political office so long as these activities do not interfere with the proper performance of their school duties and so long as they neither use school time, supplies, or equipment in these activities nor promote partisan political views in their school activities. Before filing for a political office, employees shall reach an agreement with the superintendent on matters which might interfere with the performance of their regular school duties.**
- B. The use of administrators', teachers', and other employees' duty time or school district facilities for political activities, i.e., writing, printing, painting, displaying, transporting, or electioneering for persons seeking local, state, national, or association offices, shall be prohibited.**
- C. With the approval of the principal, pictures or posters of candidates may be displayed and issues discussed providing political parties of all major candidates are presented on a nonbiased basis.**
- D. The school may invite the political speakers to appear if approved by the school's principal. Those appearing may explore certain views and issues so long as they contribute to a sound instructional program and are given fair, equal, and objective treatment. Sound judgment shall be exercised so that such appearances**

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are not designed to promote the fortunes of particular persons and are not a matter of legal right of those appearing.