

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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421. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. School property and school time, paid for by all the people, may not be used for political purposes when performing assigned duties.
2. Authority	The Board adopts the following guidelines for those staff members who intend to engage in political activities:
Pol. 707	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No professional employees 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. 2. Political circulars or petitions may not be posted or distributed in school. 3. The use of pupils for writing, or addressing political materials, or the distribution of such materials to or by pupils is forbidden.
3. Guidelines	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.
Pol. 417	<p>The following situations are exempt from the provisions of this policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to classroom studies, such as: history, current events, and political science. 2. The conduct of student elections and campaigning connected therewith. 3. The conduct of employee representative elections. <p>Violation of any of the foregoing rules shall, at the discretion of the Board, constitute cause for reprimand, penalty or dismissal.</p>