

LWVGE POLICY (NEW)

GUIDELINES TO ENSURE A NON-PARTISAN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

In order to promote and ensure a non-partisan educational environment during the months leading up to a state or national primary and general election, the LWVGE recommends that schools consider the following suggestions:

- Discourage candidates from making political visits to the school or attending school-sponsored events to meet with students, parents, teachers, administrators and/or board members during the months leading up to an election.
- In situations when politicians visit the classroom as a routine part of the curriculum (e.g., Government class), be mindful of providing a balanced perspective by including candidates with differing political perspectives when possible.
- Discourage candidates (or their supporters) from distributing materials or campaign literature or other give-a-ways to students, parents, teachers, administrators and/or board members on school property or at school-sponsored events.
- Discourage politicians and their staff from taking photos of themselves on school property or at school-sponsored events with students, parents, teachers, administrators and/or board members and posting them on either the school's or the candidate's social media sites that may give the appearance of an official endorsement of the candidate.
- To the extent possible, avoid scheduling and/or inviting incumbents to dedications, ribbon-cutting events, and/or award ceremonies during months close to an election.
- Establish policies that prevent school officials from making public endorsements of candidates in their capacity as school officials.

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