

SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY

Personnel

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

BP 4119.25 (a)

1. Objectives: The Board of Education of the San Lorenzo Unified School District (“the Board”) enacts this policy in order to regulate campaigning for public office or for the support or defeat of any ballot measure on school grounds and at school-sponsored activities. The Board intends, by enacting this policy, to exercise to the fullest extent permitted by law its authority to manage and control school property, facilities, and activities within the District. To this end, it will promulgate rules and regulations on the direction and control of schools, school facilities, and school activities.
2. The Board respects the right of school employees to engage in political activities on their own time. Like other citizens, they have the right to use schools for meetings under the Civic Center Act.
3. Employees shall refrain from prohibited activities identified in law and administrative regulations. Employees who engage in these activities shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal penalties.
4. Limitation on Campaign Expenditures or Contributions

The Board believes that the District and community will be best served by having reasonable limitations on the amount of money that may be contributed to or spent by any campaign for election to district office. The Board, therefore, has resolved that the following limits shall apply:

Maximum total contribution from an individual/organization to a candidate for district office: \$1,000.00.

5. Definitions:
 - a. “School Premises” include all the buildings and grounds owned, leased, rented or operated by the San Lorenzo Unified School District Board of Education, except for sidewalks open to the public.
 - b. “Political Activities” means urging the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate for elective office.
6. The District shall not use any district funds, services, supplies, or equipment for the purpose of urging the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate.

7. A copy of this policy shall be made available to any candidate or group upon request.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7050-7058 Political activities of school officers and employees

35160-35161 Authority, powers and duties of Governing Board

-35177 Campaign expenditures or contributions

35291 Rules proscribed by Governing Board

38130-38139 Civic Center Act

51520 Prohibited solicitations on school premises

COURT DECISIONS

San Leandro Teachers Association v Governing Board of San Leandro Unified School District (2009) 46 Cal.4th 822

Randall v. Sorrell (2006) 548 U.S. 230

Buckley v. Valco (1976) 424 U.S. 1

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