

POLITICAL SOLICITATIONS IN SCHOOLS/DISTRICT

No political campaigning by students, employees, candidates or the general public will be allowed on Colorado Springs School District 11 (District) property, except as expressly provided by and in accordance with District policies, regulations and procedures, by applicable law or agreement, or as may be incidental to the conduct of District business. For this purpose, political campaigning shall include any political advocacy which favors or opposes directly or indirectly the candidacy of any candidate for election or the passage of any public question submitted at any general, county, municipal, school or other election, including without limitation campaign speeches on District property (regardless of whether school is in session), distributing campaign literature, and placing signs or placards relating to political campaigning on District property, but shall not include activities related to student elections. District property does not include public rights of way. However, the City of Colorado Springs regulates the placing of signs on public rights of way pursuant to Colorado Springs City Code Section 3.2.217. In accordance with that law, the District prohibits the placement of political signs on rights of way adjacent to District property.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the District has a legitimate educational interest in promoting public confidence in government through a more informed electorate on election matters of official concern to the District, and in providing a fair and level playing field for Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) candidates to provide information to the public. Accordingly, the District administration shall adopt procedures as it may consider advisable to further these interests. Such procedures may include, without limitation, special provisions that such forums are equally available. The District has adopted policies and procedures that further these interests (see policies KJK, KFA, KF, KF-R, KI and KI-R). Special provisions may be made for forums where all parties are invited to participate. Any material of a political nature which endorses or opposes a political issue or candidate for public office shall not be distributed to staff or posted on District property.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 1-45-101 through 1-45-118 (Fair Campaign Practices Act)
Colorado Springs City Code section 3.2.217: Obstruction on Public
Ways Prohibited; Removal

CROSS REFS.: JICE, Student Publications
KF, Community Use of District Property (for Non-District Use)
KFA, Public Conduct on School Property
KI, Visitors to District Schools
KJK, Relations with Partisan Political Organizations

CONTRACT REFS.: Colorado Springs Education Association Master Agreement