

PROTOCOL GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates and those working for candidates or ballot measures should exhibit the highest level of integrity and ethical behavior. Campaigns are governed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and guidelines for legal procedures are available from the Alameda County Elections Office.

There is no prohibition of board members working for or against any candidate or measure so long as the board member makes it clear that the member is only representing him / herself and not a position of the board or district staff.

Current board members are prohibited from using district funds, materials, equipment, or services (e.g. the internal mail system to support a political candidate-or position).

A board member may work a polling place or attend any candidate forum, whether it is on school property or not.

The Amador Reader Board is on school district property and considered city equipment and so can not be used to display a message in support of a candidate or political position.

Candidates may not engage in political activities, including campaigning, on any district property or site. School District facilities may be used for political campaigns so long as the use is obtained in accordance with the Civic Center Act.

Candidates touring a school or addressing a class may not wear campaign paraphernalia unless they are there to participate in a candidates' activity to which all candidates have been invited. During school site visits, candidates may not overtly request support from students or staff. When touring a school, candidates along with the principal should take care to minimize the disruption of instructional time.