

# Alsea School District 7J

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## Staff Participation in Political Activities

Employees may exercise their right to participate fully in affairs of public interest on a local, county, state and national level on the same basis as any citizen in a comparable position in public or private employment and within the law.

All district employees are privileged within the limitations imposed by state and federal laws and regulations to choose any side of a particular issue and to support their viewpoints as they desire by vote, discussion or persuading others. Such discussion and persuasion, however, will not be carried on during the performance of school duties, except in open discussion during classroom lessons that consider all candidates for a particular office or any side of a particular political or civil issue.

On all controversial issues, employees must designate that the viewpoints they represent on the issues are personal and are not to be interpreted as the district's official viewpoint.

If a teacher only presents a particular viewpoint during any lesson, the teacher shall make a good faith attempt to provide and/or present opposing view(s). The teacher can expect assistance from the superintendent.

No employee will use district facilities, equipment or supplies in connection with his/her campaigning, nor will he/she use any time during the working day for campaign purposes.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS Chapter 244](#)  
[ORS 260.432](#)

OR. CONST., art. XV, § 8.

### Cross Reference(s):

INB - Studying Controversial Issues