

**Saint Helens
School District 502**

Code: **INCA**
Adopted: 8/23/99
Readopted: 5/29/07
Orig. Code(s): INCA, INCA-AR

Political Figures in District Facilities

The Board will support the participation of major political figures in a variety of school events. Such events include, but are not limited to, building dedications, awards assemblies, commencement and curricular innovations such as a mock convention.

If such event should occur during a campaign year, the candidate would be expected to refrain from using issues/materials related to that campaign.

Political candidates may be allowed to speak to classes or clubs during the school day if, in the judgment of the administration, the presentation is a desirable supplement to the instructional program. If such presentation is permitted, any other candidate who has filed for the same office will, upon request, be allowed equal time.

Each candidate, whether or not the incumbent, will be expected to adhere to the rules and procedures established for outside resource persons/controversial speakers.

The administration is expected to exercise judgment and to investigate fully those proposed resource speakers to whom questions may arise.

Teachers/club sponsors should encourage the use of resource speakers representing various approaches and points of view on a given topic or issue in order to afford students a more comprehensive understanding of the topic/issue.

An appropriate record shall be made of each resource person/speaker used and of his/her presentation. The ideas presented and the speaker invited to present them shall have a demonstrable relation to the instruction or cocurricular activity in which participating students are involved.

Prior to his/her participation, the speaker shall be given, in writing, and shall agree to abide by the following regulations:

1. Profanity, vulgarity and lewd comments are prohibited;
2. Smoking is not permitted while speaking to or consulting with students;

3. The teacher, club sponsor or member of the administration responsible for inviting the speaker has the right and obligation to interrupt or suspend the presentation if the conduct or content being presented by the speaker is judged to be in poor taste or endangers the health and safety of the students/staff.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 336.067](#)

[OAR 581-022-1020](#)