

ELECTIONS

Background

Where federal, provincial or local election campaigns are in progress, the following general procedures apply to ensure that schools are not identified with a specific political stance.

Procedures

1. No class time shall be made available for uninvited political speakers.
2. Discretion shall be used in inviting speakers who have political positions to present. If any are presented, then other candidates must be given equal opportunity. Teachers shall clear the matter with the Principal and Director or designate before extending invitations or granting approval.
3. No political advertising will be posted, distributed and/or published in schools except that it may be used by teachers to illustrate, in an objective fashion, the workings of the political process.
4. From the date an election is called until after election day, candidates for political office may be given the opportunity to address students, but only if taking part in a panel debate wherein all parties contesting the seat are represented.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 175, 231 Education Act

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