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	Political Campaigning in Schools
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LEGAL REFERENCE:	Section 52, 53, 197, 222, 256 Education Act

Background

The political election process in Alberta and Canada normally occurs every three to five (3 to 5) years. Because schools hold a communication avenue to a wide adult audience, schools are sometimes subject to solicitations from aspiring politicians who wish to send materials home through the schools.

Procedures

1. No canvassing on behalf of any political party or candidate in any federal, provincial or municipal election will be permitted on school property.
2. Advertising materials for any political party or candidate in any federal, provincial or municipal election are not to be distributed through Division schools, or posted on any school property at any time.
3. Political meetings may be held in school buildings after school hours providing the regular procedures for obtaining the use of school space has been followed.
4. The Principal may invite representatives of political parties and/or candidates to participate in student educational programs if the approach has educational merit.
 - 4.1 In all cases, the Principal must provide fair and equitable treatment to all parties and/or candidates.
5. The School Council Chair may invite candidates for the position of trustee to participate in an information session at a School Council meeting.
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 - 5.2 The Alberta School Councils Association has produced reference material in this regard which can be found at: [ASCA Guides](#)