

Lakeland Joint School District #272

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Board Agenda Item **Request**

AGENDA ITEM: NEW Policy 4215 - Political Campaigning on School Property

PURPOSE: At the request of Trustee Bain, to address electioneering that disrupts the learning environment.

MEETING DATE: 10.21.2026

PREPARED BY: Clerk of the Board - Sara Broderius

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

There is no current policy, this is a NEW proposed policy.

[Example Policy](#) provided by Trustee Bain. (pg 2)

[Proposed draft with mark-ups](#) (pg 3-4)

[Proposed final \(no mark-ups\)](#) (pg 5)

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION: Recommended for Board action.

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Series 700: Business Procedures: Miscellaneous

Policy No. 707

Policy Title: Electioneering on District Property

It is the intent of the Board of Trustees to support the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, while at the same time provide a safe and secure educational environment for students. District sites are authorized by Idaho Code to serve as polling places on designated election days. The Board of Trustees finds political electioneering disruptive to school operations and the educational process. It shall be the policy of the district that political electioneering shall not be permitted on any district property. Electioneering shall include, but is not limited to, any conduct or activities that advocate for or against any candidate, issue, or measure on a ballot, soliciting signatures on a petition, soliciting contributions, waving campaign signs, distributing campaign literature, or disseminating audible electioneering information. This policy shall not apply to any public easement locations on the edges of district property. The flow of traffic onto school district property shall not be impeded.

The superintendent and/or designee are directed to enforce this policy by declaring anyone engaging in electioneering is trespassing on district property and subject to ejection from the property.

This policy is not applicable to student government elections. Electioneering related to student government elections shall be conducted in accordance with rules set by building administration.

Legal References: IC 18-2318 Electioneering at Polls
 IC 33-512(11) Governance of Schools
 IC 18-7008 Criminal Trespass – Definitions and Acts Constituting
 IC 34-302 Designation of Precinct Polling Places

Adopted: 08/14/2023

Amended:

(DRAFT)**Community Relations****Political Campaigning on School Property**

CONTEXT: This is the language of Post Falls School District's Policy No. 707 as provided by Trustee Bain at the Regular August 2026 Board Meeting. Trustee Bain would like the District to consider this type of policy for the benefit of the District.

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