

Instruction

Student Participation in Election Process

The Board of Education considers the active participation of students in the election process to be a valuable and educational experience provided that it is conducted in such a manner that the privacy of the students and their families is completely safeguarded, that there is a minimum disruption to the total school program, that the buildings and personnel are not exploited on behalf of the advocacy of any specific individual or issue other than through impartial information dissemination proceedings.

Further, the Board encourages active student participation in the annual Statewide Student Voter Registration Drive conducted by the Secretary of State. The administration shall assist in the coordination and publicizing of the event in order to achieve maximum student response.

Students shall also be encouraged to serve as challengers, checkers, translators or voting machine attendants in an election or primary, fulfilling the statutory requirements pertaining to training and permission.

Pre-election activity including the visits to the schools by the candidates for public office will be coordinated via the Social Studies Department in each individual building and will be conducted in a period of two weeks preceding the election.

In keeping with this general statement, the Board of Education shall permit a pre-election opinion survey to be conducted in grades eight through twelve during the week preceding the November election.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 9-233 Voting machine tenders. (as amended by P.A. 03-108)
 9-235 Unofficial checkers.(as amended by P.A. 03-108)
 9-235d Citizens sixteen or seventeen years of age authorized to serve as election or primary officials.(as amended by P.A. 03-108)
 9-258 Election officials; additional lines of electors. (as amended by P.A. 03-108)
 9-436 Use, number and adjustment of voting machines; conditions and rules for use of paper ballots; qualification and appointment of primary officials. (as amended by P.A. 03-108)
 9-436a Candidate checkers. (as amended by P.A. 03-108)

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