

**VISITS TO SCHOOLS BY CANDIDATES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

The Nashua School District encourages students to be “responsible, productive members of a rapidly changing society.” To that end, the District encourages students to be engaged, voting citizens, and welcomes civic and political leaders into our schools and into our classrooms to support a teacher’s lesson plan in government, civics, and social studies, or related and relevant disciplines. To support student engagement, the Registrar from the City Clerk’s Office will be invited to visit the high schools annually to register students, that have reached the age of 18, to vote.

As invited guests to the District, civic leaders and political candidates may tour the campus and talk with students about the political election process.

Political candidates and civic leaders’ visits must be approved by the school’s principal and the Superintendent. Such tours must be guided by the principal or designee. Teachers are encouraged to participate in the political process and encourage student engagement as long as there is a clear separation between their private and personal political beliefs and their professional and public role as a Nashua School District teacher.

To ensure common understanding regarding political candidates and civic leaders’ visits, the following guidelines apply:

1. Visits should be linked to the local, state, or national government, civics, social studies, humanities, or relevant and related classroom lessons and curriculum.
2. Visits should not be disruptive to student or teacher populations not involved in the event.
3. If a candidate for public office is invited to visit campus or requests a visitation in connection with his or her candidacy for office, all other recognized candidates will be provided the same or comparable opportunity.
4. School advocacy clubs such as the Young Democrats of America or the Young Republication National Federation are subject to all aspects of this policy except #3 immediately above.
5. Visits will not include distribution of election materials to students.
6. Visits may include school press and external press:
  - Press access is expected to be well-managed and respectful of students, staff and the school as an academic institution.
  - The principal and/or the superintendent reasonably expect that including press presence will not be disruptive of the educational process.
  - The principal or designee is responsible for ensuring that students under the age of eighteen for whom the school does not have permission to photograph, interview or videotape are excluded from these activities. Students eighteen or older can make their own decision to participate or not.

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