

2025 Electioneering Q & A

What constitutes campaigning?

Any attempt by an individual or group to engage students, staff, parents or community members for a political objective is considered campaigning. This may include distribution of pamphlets, emailing schools, requests to speak to students or parents, posting signs, or wearing campaign buttons or attire.

Campaigning in or through Division schools is not allowed.

Can a sitting elected official visit a school during an election period?

Yes, if the visit is non-partisan and serves an educational purpose. For example, a politician may be invited to provide information on civics or bring greetings at a school opening or other event.

Can a candidate attend a school council meeting or other public meeting at the school?

Yes; however, the candidate cannot campaign on Division property.

Can a school council invite candidates to speak to school council?

A school council may organize a meeting to which ALL officially registered candidates for a particular office, e.g., Ward Trustee, are invited. Candidates are considered officially registered once added to Edmonton Election's [Register of Candidates](#). All candidates must be provided equal speaking time and treatment.

Can a school host an all-candidates meeting for student education purposes?

Yes. All candidates for a particular office, e.g., Ward Trustee, must be invited. Candidates should speak only about their platform.

Can Division staff work on a campaign for a particular candidate?

Yes. However, Division employees may not engage in partisan or campaign activities of any kind while on Division property or during work hours. No Division resources (phone, computer, email, photocopier) can be used for partisan political activity.

Can a candidate be given student, parent, school council member or staff contact information?

Supplying personal information (name, address, phone number or email) of a student, parent, school council member or staff is prohibited. The principal may provide the school council chair with the candidate's contact information.

Other questions?

- General election information: www.edmonton.ca/elections
- See [IJA.BP](#): Electioneering and Politically Motivated Communications
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