

# Political Activities Procedure

## Purpose

This document explains what Early Learning staff can and cannot do regarding political activities.

## Procedure

Our Early Learning Program is prohibited from participating in any partisan political campaign or supporting a candidate for office. Voter education activities conducted in a non-partisan manner are permissible and encouraged. Staff may provide voter registration forms for information purposes and assist families who ask for help in completing them, as long as there is no coercion and the effort is non-partisan. Staff are prohibited from providing transportation to and from the polls.

Early Learning staff may invite non-partisan organizations, such as the Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP, Children's Alliance, Washington State Parent Ambassadors and League for Women Voters, to conduct voter registration in public areas of a center, site or agency. Voter guides that set forth the positions of candidates on a wide variety of issues without any indication of preference may be distributed. In this same spirit of public information and community service, Early Learning staff may invite candidates for public office to attend a meeting, attend a public forum or otherwise state their views on matters of interest to the families. The site, center or agency must invite all candidates for any particular office and allow them to participate on equal terms. No program funds will be used to support the political activities of a candidate running for office.

## Related Documents

Political Activities Policy