

# Political Activities Policy

Policy No. 535

Employees are prohibited from participating in partisan political activities. Partisan political activities include any activity associated with a candidate or contending faction or group in an election for public or party office. No funds from the PSESD Early Learning program shall be used to conduct voter registration activities including providing voters or prospective voters with transportation to the polls or similar assistance in connection with any such election.

Advocacy: PSESD's Early Learning program and staff shall support and encourage parents to influence the character and goals of the community services in order to be more responsive to their interests and needs. PSESD views parents and families as advocates in their homes and communities. Therefore, staff are expected and encouraged to support parents in their advocacy efforts by providing information, assisting parents in locating information, including the name and contact information for elected officials, and encouraging parents to become involved in local, state, and federal issues affecting their lives. In addition, staff are encouraged to provide information to public officials on the needs of PSESD Early Learning families and the potential consequences of policy and budget proposals.

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