SUN AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES

TITLE: POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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321. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. However, center property and center time, paid for by all the people, may not be used for political purposes when performing assigned duties.
2. Authority	The Joint Operating Committee adopts the following guidelines for those administrative staff members who intend to engage in political activities.
3. Guidelines Pol. 707	No employees shall engage in political activities upon property under the jurisdiction of the Joint Operating Committee unless permission has been granted for that purpose through the Use of Facilities policy. Political circulars or petitions may not be posted or distributed in school, except by U.S. Mail. Collection and/or solicitation for campaign funds or campaign workers is prohibited on center property during working hours. The use of students for writing, addressing, or distributing partisan political materials is forbidden. When working in an area of the center used as a polling place on an officially declared election day, an employee shall not promote the candidacy of any candidate or political party. Center employees who hold elective or appointive office are not entitled to time off from their school duties for reasons incident to such offices, except as such time may qualify under the leave policies of the Joint Operating Committee.

	The following situations are exempt from the provisions of this policy:
	1. Conduct of student elections and connected campaigning.
	2. Conduct of employee representative elections.
Pol. 317	Violations of this policy may constitute cause for disciplinary action.
SC 322	No employee of the center may serve as a director of another school district if both districts jointly operate a vocational-technical school.