

## **Policy Code: 2320 ACTIVITY OF NON-SCHOOL GROUPS, VENDORS, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SCHOOLS**

No agent, solicitor, peddler, or other person or organization shall solicit, advertise, offer for sale, or sell any subscription, policy, service, article, or thing whatsoever to any employee or student in any Edenton-Chowan School while the employee or student is upon the premises of the public school during the hours the public school is in session or during the working day, without the prior written consent of the Superintendent, principal, or principal's designee. Under no circumstances will any activity permitted under this or any other policy be construed to create a forum for communication by any member of the public. Advertising, if permitted, is expressly limited to identifying information such as names, addresses, and phone numbers.

Professional association representatives are not permitted to conduct association business on school campuses except as expressly approved by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

Representatives shall contact the principals, with prior approval from the Superintendent or designee, and with the principal's permission, may contact school personnel on a voluntary basis and not during instructional time.

Except as provided in this policy, non-students shall not be permitted to distribute publications on school grounds during the school day or at school activities if the materials are unrelated to instruction or a school-sponsored activity. Materials directly related to the subject of a school-sponsored activity may be distributed with the prior approval of the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or principal.

On election days at schools used as polling places, candidates may place posters on school property and campaign workers may offer prospective voters printed campaign material in accordance with the restrictions imposed on those activities by law and the Board of Education. **Compliant political signs may be placed in municipal street rights-of-way in accordance with the standards established in G.S. 136-32 and any applicable local ordinance. Compliant political signs may be displayed in the right-of-way from 30 days before the first day of "one-stop" early voting to 10 days after the primary or election day. Compliant farm signs may be displayed in the right-of-way until the end of the farm's season. School officials may remove and dispose of any political sign remaining in the right-of-way more than 40 days after the primary or election day and may remove and dispose of any farm sign remaining in the right-of-way more than 30 days after the end of the farm's season.**

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LEGAL REF: [G.S. 14-238](#); [115C-36](#), [-47](#); [136-32](#), [U.S. Constitution, 1st Amendment](#).

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