

Political Activities/Use of Resources

No member of the State Board of Education shall use or authorize the use of personnel, resources, property, or funds under his or her official care and control other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures or use such items, other than reimbursement provided by law, for personal financial gain.

Any use of public resources by a State Board member which is incidental or de minimus shall not constitute a violation of this policy.

No member of the State Board of Education shall use or authorize the use of public resources for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot questions, except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. 49-14,101.02.

Violators of this policy shall be subject to a vote of censure by the Board. This policy, however, does not otherwise prohibit or impair the expression of individual opinions.

Board Action History

- 6/1/81 – Prior KIA  
(Prohibited uses of resources and votes of censure, Prior versions not available.)
- 12/7/84 – Prior 1311.1 DO  
(Same as KIA)
- 12/8/95 – Prior B18  
(Same as 1311.1 DO, but only applies to Board members, not staff.)
- 9/7/06 – B18  
(Revision of entire text except for last paragraph.)
- 10/8/09 – B18  
(Clarified that incidental or de minimus use of state resources is not a violation of Policy B18, consistent with LB 626 [Laws, 2009])

Cross-References

- 49-14,101.01
- 49-14,101.02
- 49-14,101.03
- State Board Policy D12 and Bylaws B20 and B21