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## **AP 250 – Religious and Political Activities in Schools**

### **Purpose**

As required under section 76 (1) and (2) of the *School Act* of BC, all school districts in the province of BC will have a non-sectarian approach to education. Materials studied shall be objective and comparative and must relate to the provincial curriculum.

### **Procedure**

No religious dogma or study of political activities shall be taught or distributed in schools. Political activities should not be organized in schools or take place during the school day unless they are related to the provincial curriculum. Exceptions to this procedure may include:

- Mock elections
- The use of facilities outside of school hours for political organizations
- Debate or discussion in class of current issues
- Traditional Indigenous welcomings and greetings as part of the Local Education Agreements and the goal towards reconciliation

The Board of Education will refrain from the distribution of political and religious materials which attempt to persuade others to adopt one's own belief.

\*The leasing of individual buildings, complete with site, will be subject to special negotiations and agreement.

*Effective: March 2017*

*Reference: Section 76 (1) (2), The School Act of British Columbia*

*\*AP 522 – Public Use of School Buildings, Grounds and Equipment*