

Be Politically Active -- Protect Your Job Rights



As a public employee, you can be politically active within the boundaries set out in Ohio Administrative Code 123:1-46-02. It is important to be active in political and legislative issues because so much of your work life can be shaped by the state legislature.

DO:

- Register to vote
- Actively work to register others
- Vote
- Wear political buttons and badges, except not at work
- Put political stickers on your personal automobile
- Display political materials at your home
- Attend political rallies
- Sign nominating petitions in support of individuals
- Voluntarily contribute to political candidates or organizations
- Circulate **nonpartisan** petitions or petitions stating views on legislation
- Express your opinion
- Talk to OCSEA/AFSCME members about the importance of voting
- Contribute to the AFSCME PEOPLE Committee through voluntary payroll deductions
- Serve as a poll worker for your County Board of Elections
- Educate legislators and local elected officials about your workplace and what you do
- Invite legislators and local elected officials to union meetings.
- Participate in labor-to-labor walks and phone banks in support of candidates or issues

DON'T:

- Be a candidate for public office in a partisan election
- Serve in an elected or appointed office in a partisan political organization
- Write for publication or make speeches on behalf of a candidate
- Solicit funds on behalf of a candidate for partisan office
- Volunteer to pass out partisan literature at the polls on election day
- Circulate nominating petitions

Reference

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