

LIONSGATE ACADEMY

202 Board Elections and Campaigning

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction and guidance in regard to board elections and campaigns. Candidates for election to a charter school board have a responsibility and a right to inform eligible voters about themselves. Lionsgate Academy board elections will be conducted annually following Minnesota Statutes and the Bylaws of Lionsgate Academy.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The procedures for conducting elections shall include a timeline that is published annually on the website. The timeline shall contain the open seats for the board election and the deadlines for declaring a candidacy. Elections will be held every year that a board seat becomes open for election. A personal statement from each board candidate seeking election will be made available on the website. A printed version of the candidate's personal statement will be made available upon request. Translations will be available to families whose first language is not English.
- B. The board of directors prohibits the use of school resources (technology, materials, etc.) for campaigning.
- C. Any opportunity, such as a public meeting or newsletter announcement, that is afforded to any board candidate running for election shall be afforded to all candidates seeking election.

Legal References:

2022 Minn. Statute 124E.07 Board of Directors