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<p data-bbox="264 306 318 338"><u>552.</u></p> <p data-bbox="212 373 370 537">Political Candidates and Interactions with Students</p> <p data-bbox="240 1041 342 1104">Adopted 1/29/97</p>	<p data-bbox="430 306 1382 369">It is intrinsic to the mission of the Shrewsbury Public Schools to provide its students with instruction in the political values and processes that have forged our democratic heritage.</p> <p data-bbox="430 401 1406 558">The interaction of political candidates (which includes their representatives or others acting on their behalf) with students is an important component in the education of students and is in keeping with the mission of the school system. Therefore, candidates for political office, representing opposing political parties and differing points of view, may be invited to speak at school-sponsored activities.</p> <p data-bbox="430 590 1422 716">Teachers and administrators will ensure that school-sponsored activities involving candidates for political office be fair and impartial. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates from one political party will not be given any advantage in interacting with students in either the number or type of activities scheduled.</p> <p data-bbox="430 747 1406 842">Shrewsbury staff members should consult with the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance if they have questions regarding the appropriate interaction of schools and political candidates.</p> <p data-bbox="430 873 1414 968">The school administration reserves the right to deny participation in school activities to any candidate who, in the opinion of the administration, would disrupt the educational process in the school.</p> <p data-bbox="430 999 1357 1094">Individuals who feel that preferential treatment has been given to a candidate to the detriment of another are referred to School Committee Policy 132, "Steps for Handling Complaints."</p>	

