



## Policy on the Regularisation of Political Presence During School Hours

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### Objective:

This policy aims at regulating political presence during school hours and/or school activities, while implementing a coherent set of guidelines for all state schools in Malta and Gozo.

### Definition:

For the purpose of this policy, "politician" refers to any individual holding an elected office, and/or prospective candidates.

### Visits to Schools:

In all cases, at any time, visits by politically-elected individuals or prospective candidates in any election are to take place exclusively if the activity is related to the national curriculum, and are only considered after necessary approval is attained by the Head College Network (HCN) and the Director General of the Department of Educational Services (DG DES) at MEYR; provided that no such approval will be necessary where the visit is by a Prime Minister or the Minister for Education in the execution of their official duties.

### Officially Approved Events:

All requests must be submitted in writing to DG DES through the Head of College Network. Approval will only be granted following a thorough review and consultation with relevant educational authorities. Approved visitors must adhere to a strict non-interference policy. Any attempt to influence students or staff for political purposes will result in immediate cessation of the visit.

### Policy observation:

Both the Head of School and Head of College Network are responsible for the implementation and adherence of this policy. Any violations should be reported to the DG DES.

### Conclusion:

As educators we are entrusted with safeguarding our children in schools and it is our responsibility to ensure that all measures are taken to protect all learners at all times.