

Brockton Public Schools School Committee Policy

INVITING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE TO SPEAK TO GROUPS AT BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Social Science Department offers a number of political science courses for the students of Brockton High School. Participation in the political process is an important goal of these courses, as is understanding the American systems of government. The structure of governments, the functioning of the various offices and the role of office holders are topics of special concern to the teaching of political science.

The basic purpose of an outside speaker is to enhance the learning experience of students and to expand their base of knowledge. Social Science students should have the opportunity to meet, hear and discuss with persons holding government offices both the function of the position and the problems related to them. A speaker interrelating with students makes meaningful the process of government and creates a real-life situation that increases the importance of textual materials and classroom lessons.

So too, does the presence of a candidate for office enhancing the learning experience of the students. Usually, a candidate speaking to a class will be the first instance of personal contact with an actual candidate for our students.

The Social Science Department encourages as a sound teaching technique use of both office holders and candidates for public office as speakers.

The Administrative Procedures will govern the practice of inviting such persons to speak at Brockton High School to Social Science classes.