

## Lobbying & Political Activity

The Technology Learning Center is an IRS approved 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. As such, it is barred by statute to engage in political activity. It is absolutely forbidden for TLC as an organization to actively campaign for or against a candidate for political office.

Furthermore, we believe that the politicizing of education has a detrimental affect in reforming, and ultimately improving, our schools. Therefore, we go to great lengths to avoid even the appearance of preference for a particular political party or politician. We feel it gets in the way of our efforts to teach kids. It is not our intent to alienate anyone with this policy, but rather garner the support of citizens across the entire political spectrum.

Lobbying local, state and federal legislators to improve math and science education in our schools is not considered political activity by TLC's board. We do not hire lobbyists or use TLC funds for direct lobbying purposes. Funds may be used for travel related expenses when a staff or board member is asked to appear before, or address, a legislative body in support of TLC's mission or advance math and science education in the United States.

Participation at the school board level in lobbying support for TLC's program is also not considered a political activity. This includes the support of individual school board members who support the efforts of the Technology Learning Center and Professor Know-How's Lab. TLC does not actively campaign for, contribute financially to, or endorse candidates for school boards.

TLC's staff, employees and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the political process. They also are encouraged to promote TLC's educational programs in their communities as an American effort that will benefit everyone. They are instructed however, not to engage in political discussions of a partisan nature while representing TLC in schools.

Although topics like energy independence and global warming are considered by some to political issues, TLC sees these topics as science and encourages discussion, investigation and experiments in these areas.

We see TLC as a nonpartisan "American" effort to come to the aid of our schools. We're here to help teachers help our kids learn math and the applied physics of electrical energy.