

LWVP POLICY FOR MINORS (2026: Board-approved)

The League of Women Voters of Piedmont ("LWVP" or "League") has adopted a policy for ensuring the safety of minors and volunteers who become involved in LWVP activities. The League's goal is to provide a respectful environment for everyone concerned. As used herein, "Minor" means any person younger than 18 years of age who takes part in League activities, "Parent" means the parent or other legal guardian of the Minor, and "Adult" means any person of 18 years of age or more who takes part in League activities and is not the Minor's Parent.

1. Private communication is prohibited: No Adult shall engage in any private communication of any kind with any Minor in connection with League activities. Such prohibited communication includes in-person conversations, telephone conversations, online video calls, text messages, letters, e-mail messages, and posting or messaging via social media. This prohibition applies to all Adults when they participate in League activities, whether they are League members or non-members, including speakers, community partners, other event participants and volunteers.
2. In-person conversations that are in view of the Minor's Parent and/or other members of the public are not private, and thus not considered to be prohibited.
3. Any in-person conversation between an Adult and a Minor must take place in an open and observable environment. The Adult and the Minor shall avoid physical touching.
4. Any written communication between an Adult and a Minor shall be copied (as a "cc") to the Minor's Parent, and thus not considered to be a prohibited private communication.
5. League activities that involve Minors may include attending, volunteering or assisting at League-sponsored events, at schools or at public events.
6. **Any Adult who wishes to be involved (in a supervisory or advisory capacity) with a League program that involves Minors shall submit to the League such references as are required by the League President, and may be subject to a background check.**
7. Any concerns or questions about League activities that involve Minors shall be addressed to two (2) LWVP board members. If the question or concern applies to a particular Minor, the Minor's Parent shall be notified.