



2018 BANDWAGON GUIDELINES

In 2016, the State Fire Marshall required us to severely limit the number of people in our studio until safety upgrades could be made. Those updates have been done and Candidates and Supporters can now enter our studio after check-in. However, there are still several guidelines we ask that you follow:

1. **CANDIDATES MUST BE ON TIME- IF YOU ARE NOT THERE WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED YOU WILL MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.**
2. Candidates should arrive at the WFSU studios at 1600 Red Barber Plaza (see attached map) at your scheduled arrival time or earlier. You are welcome to be here for the entire event.
3. While we have tried to schedule your arrival time to minimize waiting, this is a **LIVE** event and the exact time you will speak is impossible to determine ahead of time. Sometimes Candidates' speeches go shorter than the allowed time and occasionally a Candidate doesn't show up due to unforeseen circumstances. Both situations can cause your race to start earlier. We have tried to schedule on the side of caution so that if you show up at your arrival time, you will not miss your turn. Once again, please do not be late. **Again, if you are not there when your turn comes, you will miss your opportunity to be on this program.**
4. Each candidate is allowed to bring up to **10 supporters** with small campaign signs. No banners are allowed. Our television cameras will show the audience and their signs repeatedly during the entire 2 hours. Please advise your Supporters that they must behave appropriately and safely with their signs or they will be asked to leave.
5. Upon arrival, you and your supporters must check-in with our volunteers (at the check-in tables in our Lobby).
6. After checking in, Candidates should go to the Candidate Waiting Area in Studio B until you are moved to the final waiting area in Studio A (where you will speak) so you don't miss your turn. Supporters can go directly to the studio after checking in. (Doors to the studio will open at 6:30.)
7. After a brief introduction, you will be given **2 minutes and 30 seconds** to speak with time cues provided when there is 1 minute remaining and when there is 30 seconds remaining. At the end of that time, your microphone will be cutoff and a music group will perform to ensure that no candidate gets more time than any other. There will be no exceptions.
8. A teleprompter is not available, but you may use notes. A podium will be provided.
9. Please do not leave behind political flyers/handouts at WFSU or place political signs in the ground on WFSU's property. As with all of our election coverage, we remain impartial. We will throw away any political signs or flyers left behind.
10. As in past years, you and your supporters are free to leave after your speech. However, we request that your supporters stay until all the candidates running in your race have completed speaking. They may also stay for the entire evening.
11. WFSU Public Media prohibits the use of video from Bandwagon for political purposes such as campaign advertisements. However, a direct link to the individual speech on WFSU's website is permissible.