

August 2, 2000
OPINION NUMBER 00-260

Honorable Edward Ward, Jr.
City Councilman
1112 Lake Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Dear Councilman Ward:

You have requested an Attorney General's opinion as to whether you may concurrently serve as an elected councilman for the City of Natchitoches and a teacher at St. James Head Start Center (the "Center") in Boyce, Louisiana.

Louisiana's dual officeholding laws are provided in LSA-R.S. 42:61 et seq. However, based on the description of the Center you provided in your response, the Center does not appear to be a state government entity or political subdivision. Therefore, the dual officeholding prohibitions under LSA-R.S. 42:63 would not apply.

Moreover, even if the Center were deemed an entity covered under the dual officeholding laws, LSA-R.S. 42:66(B) provides the following exemption:

Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent a school teacher or person employed in a professional educational capacity in a grade school, high school, other educational institution, parish or city school board from holding at the same time an elective or appointive office.

I trust this sufficiently address your concerns. Please contact this office should you require further assistance.

Yours very truly,

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LSA-R.S. 42:66(B)

A councilman may also serve as a teacher for Head Start.

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