

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS

A. PURPOSE

To establish a policy governing public comment at Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) meetings. To preserve the orderly transaction of business of the Board at regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board, and to provide guidelines for effective, efficient, and responsible community input on educational matters.

B. ISSUE

The Board recognizes the value of public comment and confirms its commitment to community participation in a variety of ways at regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board. The Board strives to make public comment as equitable and accessible as possible. As such, Board members welcome individuals and organizations availing themselves of this opportunity to address the Board.

C. POSITION

1. The Board is committed to designating time during regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board to receive public comment on agenda items.
2. In accordance with the Board's commitments, a period for public comment shall be set aside during regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board, at a time to be determined by the Board President.
3. Speakers may also submit written copies of their public comments to the Board. In addition, members of the public may submit public comments to the Board via the Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) website.
4. Speakers are prohibited from addressing personnel matters, student-specific matters, and matters that are on appeal or may come before the Board on appeal.
5. Speakers may not yield their time to another individual.
6. Speakers are expected to maintain civility and appropriate conduct. Speakers shall refrain from verbal outbursts, making personal attacks on individuals, using obscene

or profane language, and engaging in threats of violence, intimidation, harassment, or any other actions that disrupt the meeting.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Board President, in consultation with the full Board, may determine procedures to be used to organize public comment during regularly scheduled public meetings of the Board. Such procedures shall be posted on the AACPS website and shared with the public at each regularly scheduled public meeting of the Board.

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Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policy 202.02, adopted 10/06/89

Legal References: Sections 4-101 and 4-107 of the Education Article