



MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The following guidelines and procedures have been established for the general comment period that is provided as part of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Maryland State Board of Education.

1. Scope of comments

Speakers are permitted to comment on any business of the State Board.

Speakers may not comment on personnel items, legal appeals, or any matters that are properly the purview of a local board of education.

2. Time limitation on comments

The maximum speaking time afforded to any individual will be 3 minutes.

3. Registration procedures

Any person wishing to provide public comment must register with the State Board Office in order to appear before the State Board.

Registration will open 1 week prior to the meeting of the State Board and close at 3:00 p.m. the last business day preceding the meeting date.

Persons may register by fax (410-333-2226), by phone (410-767-0467), but not by voice mail, or by e-mail (charlene.necessary@maryland.gov).

No more than 10 persons may register to speak at any one meeting. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to persons or organizations who have not provided comment to the State Board in the 3 preceding months.

Persons who are unsuccessful in registering to speak at a meeting and who desire to speak at a subsequent meeting, must again initiate contact to register. Names will not be automatically rolled over to the next meeting.