

SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES ON PUBLIC COMMENT

District	Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items	Public Comments on Agenda Items	Time per person	Limits on Number of Times an Individual can Speak?	Exemptions?	Designated time for bargaining units	Relevant Links/Policies
Oakland Unified	30 min general comments after Superintendent's report (can be continued later)	20 min per item on the agenda	3 min	No, but president can ask for people to speak only to add something new	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	Board Policy (BP) 9323 https://boepublic.org/Policies.aspx
Portland Public Schools (OR)	"Public Comment will be limited to three individuals during each Agenda Action Item, five speaking slots for students, and six slots will be available for General Public Comment."	Comments heard after presentation of every action item in the agenda	3 min	Yes: "Each person providing public comment will have a total of three minutes"	None specified	None specified	Board Website: https://www.pps.net/Page/1792
Norfolk Public Schools (VA)	Comments allowed near beginning of meeting	No time is allocated for comments on specific items	3 min	Yes: "Speakers are limited to one appearance of three (3) minutes"	None specified	None specified	BP #BDDH/KD https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/nps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=89476K57C109#
Elizabeth Public Schools (NJ)	"The presiding officer shall limit the total time of public	No time is allocated for comments on specific items	3 min	Yes: "A person may address the Board no more than once during a single meeting."	None specified	None specified	BP 1120/9322 http://www.edline.net/pages/Elizabeth_Public_Sch

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	participation to 60 minutes.”						ools/Board of Education/Policy Manual
Long Beach Unified	30 min total allowed	Comments allowed for each agenda item	3 min	Yes: “The speaker should address all agenda items that the speaker wishes to address within the time allotted and when called to speak. The speaker will not be called back to the podium to address the Board multiple times during the agenda. Rather, the speaker will be called upon once to address all agenda items that he or she indicates an interest in addressing.”	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	BP 1120 http://www.lbschools.net/Asset/Files/BOE/Policies/BP_1120.pdf
Berkeley Unified	Any subject: 30 min at beginning of meeting; 15 min at end of meeting	15 min of public comment before closed session	3 min	No; number of speakers limited by time	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	BP 9323 http://www.gamutonline.net/displayPolicy/312276/9
San Jose Unified	Time is allocated for but not specified	20 min total per agenda item	2 min	None	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	Organizations has 5 min speaking time instead of 2 min	BP 9323 http://www.gamutonline.net/displayPolicy/258838/

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San Francisco Unified	30 min general comments after Board member proposals	Comments on: each agenda item (unspecified limit); consent calendar (unspecified limit); assignments to committees (5 min total).	2 min	None	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	BP 9323 and 9323.1 https://www.boarddocs.com/ca/sfsd/Board.nsf/Public/#
West Contra Costa Unified	Time is allocated for but not specified	Comments allowed for each agenda item	3 min	One speech allowed per item and on general matters; must wait for second chance at end of meeting	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	HYPERLINK "https://www.wccusd.net/page/77" https://www.wccusd.net/page/77
Orinda Union	Time is allocated for but not specified	20 min per item on the agenda	3 min	No, but president can ask for people to speak only to add something new	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	BP 9323 http://www.gamutonline.net/district/orinda/displayPolicy/481797/
San Diego County Office of Education	Time is allocated for but not specified	20 min comments allowed per agenda item	3 min	No, but president can ask for people to speak only to add something new	Comments not required for unmodified items that have been heard in committee	None specified	BP 9323 https://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Documents/bob/9323.pdf