

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND RULES OF ORDER & DECORUM FOR MOORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The public is welcome to attend and observe all of in-person work sessions and business meetings of the Board of Education and to offer public comment in accordance with Board policy at every regular monthly business meeting. All meetings, whether in-person or virtual, are also streamed live on the school system's [YouTube channel](#). The School Board also welcomes input via letters and emails.

To help promote the health and safety of all attendees and ensure the orderly conduct, the following rules are in effect for all members of the public who attend official meetings of the Moore County School Board:

FACE COVERINGS AND OTHER HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Face coverings must be worn at all times while attendees are indoors. Consistent with CDC and NCDHHS guidelines, such face coverings must have one or two layers of breathable fabric, completely cover the nose and mouth (no mesh or holes), and fit snugly against the side of the face without gaps.
- Masks must be worn even when speakers are offering public comment. Sound amplification is provided to help ensure that all speakers will be heard.
- Chairs may be spaced for purposes of social distancing and must remain where placed at all times.
- These rules are in effect for the time being based on current COVID-19 conditions in Moore County and guidance from multiple public health agencies. As with local requirements for masks in schools, they will be revisited monthly, and the public will be advised of any changes.
- Anyone who is unwilling to comply with these rules but wishes to offer feedback to the School Board may do so by letter, email, or by signing up for telephonic comment per the Board's [public comment policy](#).

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM

- The primary purpose of the School Board's work sessions and business meetings is to conduct public business in an orderly and efficient manner. Any words or conduct that interrupt, disturb, or disrupt the orderly conduct of business are out of order.
- All meeting attendees must refrain from speaking out of turn while the meeting is underway. Unless called upon by the Chair or Vice Chair to offer public comment during the public address portion of the meeting, attendees should quietly observe the proceedings. Whispering is acceptable so long as it cannot be heard over staff, Board members, or others who have the floor. Private conversations at ordinary volumes are allowed during breaks in the meeting.
- Speakers offering public comment must limit their comments to the time allotted and comply with all aspects of the Board's [public comment policy](#). Criticism is allowed, but all comments should be civil, and commenters should refrain from profanity or personal attacks. Citizens are reminded that children

regularly attend School Board meetings and are asked to calibrate their words and conduct accordingly.

- Attendees must use designated lines of ingress and egress to and from parking areas and the meeting room. Other parts of the building and surrounding grounds are off-limits unless they have been specifically opened for gatherings by official action of the School Board or Superintendent.
- Shouting, threats, and acts of violence are strictly prohibited, as are any words or conduct that by their nature are likely to provoke the average person to retaliation and thereby cause a breach of the peace.
- Law enforcement officers will be on hand to direct the flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic and otherwise help ensure that the meeting is safe for all participants. All persons in attendance must comply with all lawful directives from law enforcement officers.
- All members of the public must leave the meeting room, return to their vehicles, and exit the premises promptly upon adjournment of the meeting. Remaining on the premises after being instructed to leave is trespassing.
- The School Board supports the rights of members of the public to attend its open meetings and wishes to hear from its constituents during public comment periods. Meetings must, however, be both safe and orderly. Accordingly, willful or repeated violations of health and safety rules or rules of order and decorum may result in a person's or group's expulsion from the meeting location. Failure to leave the meeting location after being directed to do so by the Chair, Superintendent, or a law enforcement officer may result in criminal charges.