

Infinity Charter School

SECTION: COMMUNITY**TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN BOARD MEETINGS****APPROVED:****REVISED:**

No. 503 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS (DRAFT)

PURPOSE:

The board of Trustees recognizes the value of public comment from the parents of ICS students and ICS staff members in board meetings. Other members of the public may request the opportunity to address the board by notifying the Board President, in writing, via the school secretary, 24 hours prior to a scheduled Board meeting.

AUTHORITY:

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comments, the Board will provide a period for parent participation at each monthly Board meeting, and will formulate rules to govern such parent participation in Board Meetings. The Board will allow up to thirty (30) minutes of public comment. The time allotted will be divided equally among persons who sign up to speak, with a maximum of five (5) minutes allotted to any one speaker.

GUIDELINES:

Complaints about individual students or staff members, or criticism or remarks about problems involving such individuals, must first be brought to the attention of the CEO of ICS. First-time discussion of such matters is not permitted during the parent comment period. This is necessary to allow the administration an opportunity to investigate, verify the facts, and resolve such matters in a way that safeguards confidential information and the privacy of those concerned. If the required administrative complaint procedures have been exhausted without resolving the problem, The Board may allow comment at any appropriate meeting or executive session.

The following procedures will govern the public participation in Board meetings:

1. Persons wishing to address the Board in public session will be required to sign up on the REQUEST TO SPEAK form posted outside the meeting room prior to the beginning of the meeting. The Board reserves the right to limit discussion on any items by any presenter.
2. Public participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by announcement of their name and confirmation they are a parent in our school.
3. No participant may speak more than one time.
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.
5. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.

- b. Request a person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
 - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
 - d. Call a recess or adjourn to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
 - e. Waive these rules with the approval of the Board.
6. Public comment will not be permitted other than during the allotted parent participation period.

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