

DESERT OASIS HIGH SCHOOL

School Organizational Team Public Comment Guide

School Organizational Team meetings are required to be open to the public and include a time for public comment. At every Team meeting the public will be given an opportunity to comment on any agenda item, as well as on any other matter that falls within the Team's advisory authority, even if the matter is not on the agenda.

When can I comment?

- Immediately following the Team's deliberation of an agenda item, members of the public may comment on that agenda item.
- In addition, before the meeting adjourns the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any matter **within the Team's advisory authority**; this includes matters that are not on the agenda.
- The Team's advisory authority includes consideration of matters that impact the school's Plan of Operation.

How can I sign up to comment?

- Every individual wishing to make a public comment at a School Organizational Team meeting will be given an opportunity to sign up to speak during the designated comment times.
- Speakers wishing to speak during the public comment period for this meeting may call 799-6881 or sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. No one may sign up for another person or yield their time to another person.

How long or how often may I comment?

- The Team may set reasonable limitations and restrictions on the public comment procedure, but such limitations and restrictions will always be viewpoint neutral, and communicated prior to public comment.
- At Desert Oasis High School, a single speaker limited to 2 minutes per agenda item, and 2 minutes during the public comment period before the meeting adjourns.
- Speakers are also prohibited from yielding their time to another person e.g. giving their minutes to someone so that person may speak longer.

What will happen when I comment?

- Please keep in mind that following a public comment, Team members are not obligated to engage in discussion with the person making the comment.
- The Team may NOT deliberate or take action on any matter raised during public comment.
- Remember, in order for the Team to deliberate or vote to take action on a matter, the matter must first be put on an agenda.