

# Marion County Board of Education

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## 1 APPEALS TO THE BOARD

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3 Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the  
4 Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and will not hear complaints  
5 or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative procedure from the point of origin.  
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7 If all administrative channels have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter  
8 shall be referred in writing and the Board shall determine whether to hear the appeal.  
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## 10 APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

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12 Individuals desiring to appear before the Board may request placement on the agenda by contacting the  
13 office of the director of schools seven (7) days before the meeting. They will be recognized at the  
14 beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda.  
15 Sufficient background material will be provided by the speaker. The chairman may recognize individuals  
16 not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he/she determines that such is in the public interest. A  
17 majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chairman.  
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19 Delegations must select only one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the  
20 Board.  
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22 Recognition of individuals who are not citizens of the school system is to be determined by a majority  
23 vote of the Board.  
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25 Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chairman and may direct questions to  
26 individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking  
27 shall state his name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes  
28 unless time is extended by a majority vote of the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate  
29 the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the above rules or chooses to be abusive to an  
30 individual board member or the Board as a whole.<sup>1</sup> Members of the Board and the director of schools  
31 may have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board.  
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33 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to the  
34 office of the director of schools.  
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37 Legal Reference:

38 1. TCA 39-17-306  
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37 Cross References:

School Board Meetings 1.400  
Agendas 1.403  
Complaints About School Personnel 5.502