



# Board of Education Policy Manual

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## Policy 2382

### BROADCASTING AND RECORDING OF BOARD MEETINGS

As a meeting of a public body, school board meetings are open to the public so that people can witness and observe the decision making process. To further reach members of the community who may not be able to attend, meetings open to the public are open to being photographed, broadcast, and/or webcast.

The use of any photography, broadcast, recording equipment or other such device to allow for the broadcasting or recording of public meetings of the Board of Education, or a committee appointed thereby, is permissible as long as use of the device is not obtrusive or disruptive, or interferes with the deliberative process of the Board, or the right of anyone attending to observe or listen to the meeting. Persons whose actions interfere with the deliberative process will be given a reasonable opportunity to modify their actions.

The Board reserves the right to direct that an audio or visual recording be made to ensure a reliable, accurate, and complete account of Board meetings. Original, unedited versions of the recording may serve as meeting minutes (see policy 2360, Minutes).

Cross-ref: 2360, Minutes

Ref: Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law §§100 *et seq.*  
Committee on Open Government, Model Rules: Public Access to Meetings of Public Body,  
<https://opengovernment.ny.gov/open-meetings-law> *Mitchell v. Board of Education of Garden*  
*City UFSD*, 113 AD2d 924 (1985)  
*Feldman v. Town of Bethel*, 106 AD 2d 695 (1984)  
*People v. Ystueta*, 99 Misc 2d 1105(1979)

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