

Fairfax School Board lottery entry for testimony at meetings

Here is the page describing protocols for speaking; it's well-done giving the complexity

<https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/community-participation>

Some highlights

- Meetings are almost always on Thursdays (the exception: November 14, 2022, a Monday)
- Entries for lottery slots start the Friday before, and close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night.
- For the upcoming meeting, **entries begin at 6 a.m. Friday 9/30 and end on Tuesday 10/4 at 7 in the evening.** There is no benefit to getting up at 6 in the morning to enter—it's not first-come. You must enter before 7 p.m. Tuesday 10/4. Results are sent soon after.

Here is the link to the google form to enter the lottery:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ivN9YIJeuu3kHRYX_ilq2SRNHFWwhGMfIYzazmpsEYX8/closedform

- Speakers must be stakeholders: residents of the city or county, employees of FCPS, students in FCPS, parents/guardians of students in FCPS, or contractors (all current).
- You have two minutes in which to speak.
- When registering, you must 1) give a real name; 2) give an email address; 3) give a real address; 4) may give your phone number; 5) designate your magisterial district;

But most important of all, **you must choose** 1) in-person; b) virtual real-time; or c) pre-recorded video.

That **can't be changed** once entered (even for emergencies). You may NOT exchange slots, nor may you share them.

- Students may designate themselves as students, and are entered in a separate lottery for the three student spots.
- Video submissions are also a separate lottery, for three video spots.
- In general, the 10 adult slots are the most used; **the student and video slots often go untaken.**

Some screenshots of the form you will see: **don't forget to click submit!**

The Google Form

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of a Google Form titled "September 1, 2022 - Community Participation".

The left screenshot shows the top portion of the form with the following fields:

- A text input field for a name, marked as required with an asterisk.
- An email input field, marked as required with an asterisk.
- A text input field for "First and Last Name", marked as required with an asterisk.
- A radio button selection for "Are you a current FCPS Student?", with options "Yes" and "No".

The right screenshot shows the bottom portion of the form with the following fields:

- A text input field for "If you are a student, which school do you attend?".
- A radio button selection for "I choose to address the Board", with options "In-Person", "Virtually", and "Video Testimony (A link to your video must be submitted 36 hours prior to the meeting)".
- A text input field for "Please provide a link to your video testimony".
- A text input field for "Name of group or association you are representing (e.g. PTA president, Fairfax Education Association, etc.). If you are not representing a group association, type 'individual'".

<p>Street Address, City, Zip *</p> <p>Your answer</p>	<p>Please indicate your magisterial district *</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Braddock District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dranesville District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hunter Mill District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lee District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mason District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mount Vernon District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Providence District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Springfield District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sully District</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Fairfax City</p>
<p>Phone Number *</p> <p>Your answer</p>	
<p>List the topic that you plan to address *</p> <p>Your answer</p>	
<p>I am requesting translation services for the following language:</p> <p>Your answer</p>	
<p>Please indicate your magisterial district *</p>	
<p>Submit Clear form</p>	

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Questions about speaking at a School Board meeting?

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