

Operating Procedures for the Press During
Columbia County Board Meetings:

The Columbia County Board of Education regularly holds business meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to conduct the business of said agency.

The Columbia County Board of Education recognizes the safeguards provided to citizens of Columbia County by having freedom of the press and acknowledges the right of the press to be present at all meetings and to record the events as they occur.

In a spirit of cooperation and in order to prevent disruption of the Columbia County Board of Education when conducting business at its meetings in the future, the Board requests that members of the press observe the following:

- A. Cameras to be placed in the Board meetings prior to the commencement of the meetings. **Members of the press shall not place additional recording devices such as microphones on existing Board of Education media equipment or furniture.**
- B. From time-to-time, it may be necessary to place a camera after the start of meetings. When this happens, a press area will be designated and reserved for members of the press.
- C. Members of the press shall not hold interviews or conduct live broadcasts inside the **Board room and limit activity/movement** while the meetings are in progress.

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