

Community Relations

Use of Education/Government Cablevision Channel (OGAT)

Mission

It is the mission of the Education/Government Channel to provide an opportunity for public involvement in local education/government, to inform the public of education/government and community life, and to document education/government activities. The provision of educational opportunities for school children is vital to this mission.

Goals

It is the goal of the Education/Government Channel to:

1. Provide local citizens with increased access to education/government meetings through live and recorded cablevision and Internet-accessed programming.
2. Provide cablevision and Internet-accessed programming to inform local citizens of the operations and activities of the local education/government and its agencies.
3. Provide cablevision and Internet-accessed programming to increase information available to citizens about political issues, candidates and elections.
4. Produce and transmit other informational cablevision and Internet-accessed programs of interest and value to local residents which are otherwise neither available nor provided by other sources.
5. Provide opportunities for citizen involvement and interaction in the development of the local Education/Government Channel programming.
6. Provide instructional opportunities for local public school students.

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Operational Guidelines

Access

The use of the Education/Government Channel shall be limited to the Orange Board of Education and Orange Town government programming. The use of studio facilities operated by the Orange Board of Education shall have student instruction as their primary goal.

Board of Education sponsored programs include, but are not limited to:

1. Direct instruction
2. Presentation of school activities, performances or ceremonies
3. Meetings and hearings (Such coverage shall be "gavel to gavel" and will depict all speakers.)
4. Other school related activities as approved by the Superintendent

Town government programs include, but are not limited to:

1. Town hearings and meetings (Such coverage shall be "gavel to gavel" and will depict all speakers.)
2. Information regarding procedures, requirements or other technical matters
3. Presentation of town activities, performances or ceremonies
4. Items of community interest. Coverage of such items will be decided on a case-by-case basis and must reflect broad community interest and be of local origin.

Authority

All matters regarding the use and implementation of programming for the Education/Government Channel will rest with the Superintendent of Schools and First Selectperson or their designee(s).

Copyright

All Education/Government Channel programming must strictly abide by copyright regulations.

Facilities/Equipment

The studio and equipment located within the public schools shall be used for the production of the Education/Government Channel programming. This equipment may be used for such purpose as long as said use does not interfere with the operation of the schools education program. The education of the public school students is the primary function of this equipment.

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