

New Construction

NAMING OF FACILITY

Names for new schools and other district facilities may be selected by the Board of Trustees from a list of not more than three submitted by a citizen's committee selected by the Board of Trustees.

The Governing Board shall name schools or individual buildings in recognition of:

1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community
2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance
3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names. A citizen advisory committee shall be appointed to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration. The committee shall be known as the "School Names Committee".

The renaming of existing schools or major facilities shall occur only under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

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The Board of Trustees shall establish a committee of not less than four nor more than twelve community members who have an interest and understanding of the history of the community. The committee will be chaired by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. The committee will request input from members of the community. In pursuing this task, the "School Names Committee" will use the following criteria:

I. School Names

- A. In honor of individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community; or
- B. In recognition of the geographic areas in which the school or building is located; or
- C. Classes of people, activities, or fields of study may be considered.
- A. Sensitivity to the cultural diversity of our community should be reflected in the committee's recommendations.
- B. In recognition of a community member's gift of land or substantial contribution, the Board may consider naming the school after the benefactor.
- C. Additional criteria may be submitted by the committee to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to the selection of names.

II. Buildings and Athletic fields

When rooms or buildings such as libraries, multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums, or athletic fields are named, the following procedure will apply:

- A. The school staff and community under the direction of the principal, shall select at least three appropriate names from information gathered within the school community and from the School Names Committee. If requested by the school, a member of the School Names Committee can serve as advisor to the school.
- B. Recommendations from the name of the room, building, or field shall be reviewed by the School Names Committee.
- C. The Superintendent shall present the school's recommendation to the Board of Trustees for final decision.

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D. If a community member chooses to gift the school district with a substantial contribution for a building or program at the school, the Board may consider recognizing the contribution by naming the building after the benefactor.

III. Records of the Committee

A. Biographies of all persons whose names are submitted as recommendations for school names shall be kept on file within the District and made available to the public.

B. A list of names shall be maintained by the District.