

NAMING OF SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES

Purpose: To establish a method for naming schools and facilities, including rooms.

The naming or renaming of a District school facility or a portion of a school or facility must be approved by the Board of Education.

New schools/facilities will be named for persons who have attained local or national prominence; a geographic area served by the school/facility; or the function of the facility, in the case of non-instructional facilities. A new school/facility that replaces an existing school/facility on the same or on a different site will be given the name of the school facility it replaces. Before naming or changing the name of a new school, facility, or portion of a school or facility is finalized, school and community input shall be sought.

Anyone may submit a request for a school or facility name to the Board for consideration. Requests or suggestions for naming/renaming must be in writing, stating the rationale justifying the recommended name. Once a request is received, the Board Members will appoint an ad hoc advisory committee to consider recommendations for naming/renaming of schools, facilities or portions of a school facility. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure and current fashion shall not influence the selection process by either Board Members or committee. In the case of a new school or facility used by students, the committee shall include patrons and students in the area. Recognizing that the ethnic and cultural composition of a local school community will change, the name selected should have broad acceptance in a multicultural society.

Once a school, facility, or a portion of a building is named after a person, it shall not be renamed except for compelling reasons. If a school/facility is demolished, the name may be used again.

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