

## **Naming New Facilities**

The naming of a school facility is an important matter that deserves thoughtful attention. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity should not be an influence in choosing a name. An orderly, announced procedure is expected to lessen the community or factional pressures that so quickly build up when the selection of a name is delayed or seems uncertain.

Facility is defined as school buildings, administration buildings, gymnasiums, stadiums, athletic fields and playgrounds.

### Criteria for Consideration

1. Schools/facilities may be named after an area or community where the school is located or after a person or persons.
2. In naming a school facility after a person, primary consideration should be given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to education in the community. In addition to societal contributions, the moral character of the individual must be considered.
3. Recognizing that the ethnic and cultural composition of a local school community will change and that school/facility names are permanent, the name selected should have broad acceptance in a multi-cultural society.
4. The person being nominated for a facility name has to be deceased for a minimum of five years or have been retired from District employment for 15 years.

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From time to time, as an alternative to naming the entire building after an individual, the Board of Education may choose to recognize outstanding service to the youth of this district by dedicating or naming an appropriate area (i.e., playground, library, gymnasium, auditorium, etc.) in honor of some exceptional individual(s) who have unselfishly given their time and energy in promoting excellence in education.

The naming of a building facility shall follow the general procedure outlined below in addition to the requirements of Criteria for Consideration.

The Board of Education may appoint an advisory committee for the purpose of studying and recommending nominations. The final selection of a name for new or existing facilities shall be made by a majority vote of the Board of Education.

This selection shall be made from no fewer than two (2) nominations. In the case of existing facilities, the current name of the facility shall be included among the nominations.

Criteria for the advisory committee:

- An event or award would need to be held in the person's name for a minimum of five years and be approved by the District Office.
- A significant financial donation or 25 years of impacting student education and/or coaching in Delta County.
- At least 250 signatures of registered Delta County voters in support of naming a facility.
- Minimum of a two week period for public comment after posting in the newspaper.
- The nominating person or group will provide 50-100% of signage costs.

- District Leadership must approve the size, quality and format of the signage.
- The family must support the use of the name.

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