

Board Policy Document

BUILDINGS AND SITES

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Names given to District facilities, new or substantially remodeled, should have special significance to the community, its traditions and values, as well as to the school's student body. Ordinarily, a building will not be renamed unless its present name becomes inappropriate because of the changing nature of the community it serves or the program it houses.

No building, nor any major portion of a building (auditorium, gymnasium, media center, or commons) shall be named for any living person, and no building nor part of a building shall be named for a deceased person until at least five (5) years after such person's death. Facilities need not be named after persons.

Names for new buildings, or for renaming existing buildings, shall be considered only after the Board directs the Superintendent to formulate recommendation(s). In the event of naming a new building, the Superintendent may formulate a committee to be comprised of at least three district principals, three staff members of an existing building, and several students and parents from the school or facility in question, as well as community members, shall take into account the traditions and program of the facility, the contributions of the person to be honored, the traditions of names already in use, the long-range impact of any name change, the intended future use of the facility, and such other factors as the committee may deem relevant to naming the facility. In the event that a school desires to name a portion of a building (such as media center or gymnasium), the recommendation must come from the current site council with demonstrated input from students (e.g. student council) and parents.

The Board will determine a name for a building site, facility, or space.

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