

## SECTION 811 NAMING SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES/SPONSORSHIP AND RECOGNITION

Naming of school district facilities is the responsibility of the Board of Education and shall be by a 2/3 majority vote of the entire Board. A facilities naming committee may be appointed by the Board President. Nominations in writing, which shall contain the rationale for such nomination, may be presented by the public.

### I. Criteria that may be considered when naming school facilities are:

#### A. Geographic location or section of the district

A facility may be named after a geographic location and/or a section of the District it serves.

#### B. Individuals

The Board encourages appropriate memorials to and recognition of individuals.

However, the naming of facilities after individuals is discouraged. Therefore, should the Board be asked to name a facility after an individual the following criteria shall be utilized:

1. If a facility is to be named after a person, that person shall be of exemplary moral character; have made an outstanding contribution to education, humanity or community or have displayed outstanding leadership or be a person of historical significance.
2. The Board may consider naming facilities after a living employee or board member only if he or she has been retired for five years. The Board may consider naming facilities after a deceased board member, employee or student only if he or she has been deceased for at least five years.
3. Facilities may also be named after major financial contributors to the school district without whom new facilities would not have been possible. The amount of the contribution shall be equal to or surpass at least 50% of the cost of the facility or specific parts of facilities.
4. Parts of facilities may be named after individuals using the same criteria for recognition of individuals outlined above and may be marked on an appropriate plaque commemorating that individual's contribution.

### II. Sponsorship and Recognition

The naming of facilities is different than sponsorships. Sponsorship is an agreement between the Board and a sponsor, in return for financial consideration, to identify that sponsor with a facility for a negotiated period of time.

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Additionally, the naming of facilities is not recognition that is given on display boards or plaques to individuals that have given financial support for district projects at pre-determined levels as part of a fund-raising effort. Nor is the naming of facilities the recognition afforded on appropriate plaques or memorials for service to the district and/or its students.

The board may approve appropriate sponsorship agreements and recognition/memorial plaques it deems appropriate by a majority vote of the board.

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