

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Related Entries: FFA-RA
Responsible Office: Deputy Superintendent of Schools
School Performance
Facilities Management

Naming School Facilities

A. PURPOSE

To establish an equitable process by which the Board of Education can assume its responsibility for naming school facilities

B. ISSUE

When it is necessary to open new schools or rename existing school facilities, the Board of Education must have an equitable process to select school names.

C. POSITION

1. It is the responsibility of the Board of Education to adopt official names for county public school facilities. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Board will make every effort to respect community preferences.
2. When a new school site is purchased, or a planning project for a new school facility is initiated, the superintendent will establish a temporary, generic name to designate the site or building for planning purposes. As a new school facility planning project is initiated, the Board shall develop a listing of up to four names. The superintendent shall establish a committee process through which interested groups in the area that the school is intended to serve shall recommend, in priority order, preferences from among the listing of names provided by the Board of Education and up to two additional names recommended by the committee.
3. It is preferred that school facilities be named for deceased distinguished persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the community, county, state, or nation. The Board of education will give strong consideration to names of women and minorities so that these are equitably represented among county school names.

4. Geographic names may also be considered for new schools facilities. These names should be clearly identifying, widely known, and recognized.
5. Although the Board will consider carefully community recommendations for school facility names, the final responsibility for officially naming a school building rests with the Board of Education.
6. The Board of Education welcomes suggestions for school facility names on an ongoing basis. These names will be kept on file by the Board of Education and used as references.
7. If there is strong interest within the community, the Board of education will consider petitions to rename existing school facilities. If the Board decides to proceed with a renaming, the board will follow the procedures outlined in Section C.2.
8. If there is strong interest within the community, petitions will be considered for naming a portion of a school facility, to include athletic facilities. The responsibility for naming a portion of a school facility will rest with the superintendent of schools or his/her designee, after careful consideration of community input. Petitions received to name a portion of a school facility to generate financial gain are prohibited unless expressly approved by the Board of Education.

D. DESIRED OUTCOME

An equitable process by which the Board of Education can assume its responsibility for naming school facilities.

E. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The superintendent will publish a regulation to implement this policy.

F. REVIEW AND REPORTING

This policy will be reviewed, in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

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