

Naming Of Facility

The Board of Education shall name district schools and other district-owned or leased buildings, grounds, and facilities in recognition of:

1. Individuals, living or deceased, and entities that have made outstanding contributions, including financial contributions, to the school community
2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance
3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names. A citizen advisory committee may be appointed to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration.

(cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

Any name adopted for any new school shall not be so similar to the name of any existing district school as to result in confusion to members of the community.

Before adopting any proposed name, the Board shall hold a public hearing at which members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide input.

(cf. [9320](#) - Meetings and Notices)

When naming or renaming a district school, building, or facility, the Board may specify the duration for which the name shall be in effect.

Memorials

Upon request, the Board shall consider planting commemorative trees, erecting monuments, or dedicating buildings, parts of buildings, athletic fields, gardens, or other district facilities, in memory of deceased students, staff members, community members, and benefactors of the district.

1. The Board will consider the naming of buildings, etc., in accordance with the following process and criteria:
 - a. In the case of an employee of Santa Rosa City Schools, the individual to be honored shall have been separated from services for a minimum of 13 months prior to installation of a symbol of recognition.

b. In the case of a non-employee memorial, the individual to be honored shall have been deceased for a minimum of 13 months prior to installation of a symbol of recognition.

Naming Rights

The Board may grant to any person or entity the right to name any district building or facility. In doing so, the Board shall enter into a written agreement which shall:

1. Specify the benefits to the district from entering into the agreement
2. State the roles and responsibilities of the parties to the agreement, including whether or not the Board shall retain the power to approve any proposed name
3. Provide details related to the naming right granted, including the building, grounds, or facility involved and the duration for which the name shall be in effect
4. Prohibit any message, image, or other depiction that advocates or endorses the use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol, encourages unlawful discrimination against any person or group, or promotes the use of violence or the violation of any law or district policy

(cf. [0410](#) - Nondiscrimination in District Programs/Activities)
(cf. [1325](#) - Advertising/Promotions)
(cf. [3290](#) - Gifts, Grants and Bequests)
5. Reserve the authority to terminate the naming right if it determines that the grantee, subsequent to receiving the naming right, has engaged in any of the prohibited acts stated in item #4 above or other criminal or unlawful acts that might bring the district into disrepute

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