

F-1400 Naming Facilities

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for naming or renaming school board-owned buildings or other properties, giving preference to historically significant sights, local geologic considerations, and culturally significant meanings, while also considering individuals or companies that significantly contribute to the community either financially or through other means.

Criteria for Consideration:

Community Impact: Names will primarily be considered based on historically significant sights, local geologic considerations, and culturally significant meanings that have a positive and lasting impact on the community served by the school board.

Significant Contribution: In addition to the preference for the criteria mentioned above, names may be considered for individuals or companies that have made substantial and positive and long lasting contributions to the community and the school district, such as financial support, educational enrichment, or community development. **Being successful in one's occupation is not a significant contribution to the community and the school district.**

Approval Process:

Nomination and Board Approval: Before initiating the naming process, any member of the community may submit nominations for consideration. Nominations can include individual or company names, as well as names associated with historically significant sights, local geologic considerations, and culturally significant meanings. **Nominations can be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent (3401 E 30th St. Suite A).** The school board will vote to accept the nominations before proceeding with the naming process.

Review Committee: Upon board approval of the nominations, a naming committee will be formed to review the submitted names. The committee should include representatives from the school board, school staff, and community members. **Will include 1 school board member, 3 superintendent designees, the district athletic director, and 3 community members selected by the superintendent for their extensive knowledge of FMS. If a person is considered to have something named after them, anyone related to them on the committee will be ineligible for discussion or voting. This committee will then submit names to the board for public input.**

Public Input: The committee will seek public input on proposed names to ensure community involvement and transparency. Feedback will be considered in the decision-making process.

Board Approval: The final decision rests with the school board. The board will vote on the proposed name after considering recommendations from the naming committee and public input.

Limitations:

Commercial Names: While companies may be considered, the naming should not unduly promote commercial interests or be perceived as an endorsement.

Inclusivity: The chosen names should reflect values of inclusivity and diversity, avoiding names that may be controversial or offensive.

Diverse Considerations: The school board will prioritize names associated with historically significant sights, local geologic considerations, and culturally significant meanings.

Review and Reevaluation:

The policy will be subject to periodic review to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. The school board reserves the right to revisit and amend the policy as needed.

Implementation:

This policy will be effective immediately upon approval by the school board. Any ongoing naming considerations will be subject to these guidelines after the board has voted to accept the nominations.

Changes/ Deletion

The Board reserves the right to change any name of a facility at any time for any reason.