

**Policy 909.05: Naming School Facilities**

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The Board of Education shall have sole authority to name or rename District facilities, which include but not limited to buildings, athletic fields, stadiums, gymnasiums, libraries, fields, tracks, and multipurpose rooms. The following guidelines shall apply to requests for naming facilities:

The Board will consider requests from school and community groups to name a portion of a building, a single building on a campus with multiple buildings, or a specific area on the campus for a person, provided the proposed name has special significance and/or the person has made an outstanding contribution to the school or the school system. If a request is to name a school facility after an individual, a request cannot be made for at least one year after the person's death.

Once a request has been advanced to the Board, the Board has two options:

1. Decide the facility should not be named. The process stops. (or)
2. Seek input from community members and take action through normal Board meeting activities.

The Board shall consider the following when deciding on a naming request:

- A. What is the individual's/corporation's moral character and contribution to education?
- B. What is the individual's/corporation's connection to the facility? In order to be meaningful for all, there should be a real or symbolic connection between the individual and the facility.
- C. A person, for whom a public school facility may be named must have made significant contributions to education of the youth of Dallas Center-Grimes Community School. Evidence of such contributions may include, but are not limited to the following:
  - Unusually effective and dedicated service to or on behalf of the youth in Dallas Center-Grimes Community School.
  - Persistent efforts to sustain a high quality system of public education for all youth and to improve programs and services for these young people.
  - Demonstrated understanding of the essential nature of public education in the furthering of our democratic form of government and the free enterprise system.
- D. The nominee must otherwise be worthy of the honor of having a school facility named for her/him. Evidence of such attributes could include, but may not be limited to the following:
  - Superior levels of performance in strengthening and supporting the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School.
  - Unusually effective and dedicated service to our state or country.
  - Community service
  - Effective citizenship
  - Seminal ideas or research
  - Excellent character and general reputation
- E. What is the reaction of the District community, based on input from community members, including school staff, PTA members, and other sources?