

Policy FFA

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: FFA-R
Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent of Operations

Naming School Facilities

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of Policy FFA is to ensure that the naming or renaming of schools or district facilities shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education.

II. BACKGROUND

When opening new schools or renaming existing school facilities, the Board of Education shall have an open process to select appropriate names. The Board will make every effort to respect community preferences but may select any name that the majority of the Board desires.

III. POSITION

- A. When a new school, a building or facility, or a specific site (such as a playfield, library, multipurpose center, gym, classroom wing, etc.) is approved for construction, and it is determined that the structure should incorporate a name, the Superintendent will utilize a process to solicit community and stakeholders' input for determining suggested names for the Board to consider.
- B. Although the Board will carefully consider community recommendations of a name for a school, a building or facility, or a specific site (such as a playfield, library, multipurpose center, classroom wing, etc.), the final responsibility for officially selecting a name rests with the Board of Education.
- C. The Board has the prerogative to select a name after a distinguished person, living or deceased, who has made an outstanding contribution to the community, county, state or nation.
 1. Names that recognize and/or reflect the state's traditions and heritage are encouraged for consideration.
 2. The Board of Education will give strong consideration to names of women and minorities, and to those who have historical significance (including Hispanics, Native Americans, Chinese, African Americans, and others) so that these are equitably

represented among district schools. If the proposed name is that of an individual still living, the Board must first obtain approval of the individual.

- D. When a school or facility is sold, ~~or~~ closed or removed, the Board reserves the right to retire the name and reserves the right to preserve the name for future use.
- E. If there is strong interest within the community, petitions will be considered for naming a district school, a building or facility, or specific site, including athletic facilities.
 - 1. Petitions in support of names to generate financial gain are prohibited unless expressly approved by the Board of Education.
 - 2. When community petitions and/or requests are made, the petitioners shall be notified that the costs associated with erecting permanent plaques, signs, arches, walls or other items of similar nature shall not be borne by the School District, unless determined otherwise by the School Board.
- F. Based on a recommendation of the Superintendent, the location of permanent plaques, signs, arches or other items of similar nature shall be approved by the School Board.

IV. REVIEW AND REPORTING

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

Maria A. Flores

Board of Education, President

December 13, 2016

Date

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Legal Reference: