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## **7250 SCHOOL AND FACILITY NAMES**

School buildings and separate school facilities, both on school grounds and within school buildings, shall be named only by formal action of the Board of Education. In naming schools and facilities, the Board shall strive to honor the traditions and high ideals of this district and the community it serves.

A school building or school facility may be named to memorialize the outstanding service of a school district employee or officer.

The Board welcomes the suggestions of members of the community in the naming of school buildings and facilities and may appoint a committee of interested persons to conduct appropriate studies and make recommendations for Board consideration.



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The Haddonfield School District nurtures, inspires and empowers every learner. In collaboration with our community, we nurture unique abilities and foster a climate conducive to taking risks in pursuit of excellence. We inspire lifelong learners to excel in their endeavors. We empower each other to be inclusive, flexible and critical thinkers in a global community.

The Haddonfield School District reserves to itself the responsibility to name its facilities. Haddonfield School District facilities will be named according to the following naming criteria:

- A. Based on the Name of an individual who meets the following criteria:
  - a. The individual played a critical role or contributed to society in ways that supported the success and well-being of the individuals who live in Haddonfield or Camden County, the State of New Jersey, or the United States, now and in the future.
  - b. The individual's "principal legacy" (i.e., the key activity, advocacy, or accomplishment for which the individual is most known) aligns with or reflects the HSD's mission, vision, and core values and beliefs.
  - c. The individual has been deceased or separated from the District for five or more years.
- B. Based on Geographical or Historical Relationships, including names of places in the neighboring community, Haddonfield, Camden County, or New Jersey.
  - a. Emphasis should be placed on selecting names of landmarks or places that have historical or geographic significance to the Haddonfield community's history and the site.
- C. Other Naming Criteria:
  - a. School/facility names may articulate aspirations of the educational outcomes for Haddonfield's students;
  - b. School/facility names may also reflect the instructional focus of the school;
  - c. School/facility names should consider the diverse community that they serve, and
  - d. Proposed names should avoid duplicating names of other schools in the region to prevent possible confusion with those schools.

### **Requests to Rename Schools/Facilities:**

Future school renaming requests must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, including the following:

- Statement of the reason for requesting the school name to be changed;
- If the request is based on objections to the current school name, the requestor should indicate how the current school name does not align with the HSD School Naming Criteria that would require the name to be changed. In this case, the request should include historical or other evidence to support the request.



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If the request is not approved, the applicant will be so advised. If the Board of Education determines that the renaming question warrants further review, the Board may appoint a committee to review the request and advise the Board on the validity of the request. The committee should consider the name change question by applying the School Naming Policy Criteria, obtaining advice and consultation as needed, and soliciting appropriate input from the school and community. Upon completing the review, the committee will submit a report and recommendation to the Board Of Education to consider for approval.

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BOE Approved Date: 5/19/2022