

School District Recognition

The Board of Education is committed to recognizing achievement and service provided to District 99 and its community. In order to honor persons who have made exceptional contributions to the school, community, or nation, the Board of Education will establish appropriate recognitions within the following parameters:

- I. The Board of Education recognizes that the current high school building names of North and South characterize a long-standing history and tradition. Because of the importance of maintaining this identity, the Board will not consider their renaming.
- II. The Board of Education will consider naming locations and facilities within campus boundaries for adults who have made exceptional contributions to the school, community, or nation. The Board feels that it is important that a decision on such a request not be made hastily. Such a decision should be made only after an appropriate period of no less than five year(s) from the date the request is made. The Superintendent is authorized to appoint a citizens committee to review requests and make recommendations for consideration by the Board of Education.
- III. The Board of Education may approve or establish appropriate memorials to honor adults who have made significant contributions to the school, community, or nation. Such memorials may include works of art, plaques, or other appropriate forms of recognition.
- IV. Memorials may be established to recognize currently enrolled students and/or alumni. Individuals wishing to establish memorials shall submit their request to the building Principal.

Any memorial must be jointly approved by the family of the deceased student and the Principal. The Principal and Superintendent will review the request and make a recommendation to the Board of Education.

The funding of memorials is the responsibility of the family and/or other private donors. Memorials may include but not be limited to scholarships, items useable by the student body or school, decorative plantings on the campus, decorative items for the building, etc. The school district will supply a recognition plaque for each memorial item.

- V. The Board of Education will recognize staff members who have served District 99 for a minimum of 25 years prior to concluding their service with the district.
- VI. The Board of Education will recognize students and staff members who have given their lives for their country while serving in one of the armed forces.

- VII. To recognize past principals and superintendents for their contributions to Community High School District 99, the Board of Education will display their pictures in appropriate locations. In order for members of the school community to identify current principals and the Superintendent, the Board of Education will display their pictures in designated locations.
- VIII. District 99 Memorial Peace Garden - The Memorial Peace Gardens at North and South High were created to honor those District 99 alumni who lost their lives while serving in the US Military during a foreign armed conflict.

Any District 99 alumni whose family is eligible to receive the Gold Star Lapel Button as designated by the Department of Defense and reaches out to the District 99 shall be added to the Memorial Peace Garden at both campuses.

According to the Department of Defense, “the military departments shall provide a Gold Star Lapel Button to each of the immediate family members of service members who lost their lives while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force, as the result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States or as the result of military operations while serving outside the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.”

New names will be added to the Memorial Peace Garden every five years in a commemoration ceremony, beginning in May of 2025. The ceremony will be held at the school from which the student graduated. To be considered for admittance, an immediate family member of the deceased must reach out to the school by January 1st of the year in which a ceremony will take place.