
Naming of District Properties

Purpose

The Board of Education recognizes that the naming of school district properties and facilities is a significant decision that reflects the values, culture, and history of the community. This policy provides a consistent and thoughtful process for naming, renaming, or dedicating school facilities and components of facilities.

Scope

This policy applies to all school buildings, gymnasiums, auditoriums, libraries, outdoor spaces, athletic fields, and other district-owned properties.

Criteria for Naming or Dedication

Facilities or portions thereof may be named in honor of individuals or entities that have made significant, lasting contributions to Mapleton Public Schools or the broader Mapleton community. Consideration will be given to:

1. Length of Service – A history of sustained, distinguished service (generally a minimum of 20 years).
2. Impact on Students – Demonstrated positive influence on student learning, development, or well-being.
3. Character and Values – Embodiment of the district's values, including integrity, leadership, inclusion, and service.
4. Community Contribution – Notable contributions to the district or broader Mapleton community.
5. Historical Significance – Alignment with the district's mission and the historical or cultural fabric of the community.

Living individuals may be considered for naming when their contributions are exceptional and widely acknowledged.

Process for Consideration

1. Submission of Request – A written request must be submitted to the Superintendent. The request must include:
 - a. The proposed name or dedication

- b. Biographical and historical information
 - c. A statement of justification based on the criteria above
 - d. Evidence of community support (e.g. letters of recommendation, testimonials)
2. Superintendent Review – The Superintendent will review the request and may consult with district leadership, staff, and community members as needed. If appropriate, the Superintendent will forward a recommendation to the Board of Education.
3. Board Approval – The Board of Education will make the final decision at a regular or special meeting. Approval will be granted through a formal resolution.
4. Recognition – Approved dedications may be recognized with plaques, signage, floor decals, or other forms of acknowledgement as appropriate to the space.

Limitations

- Naming rights may not be granted in exchange for financial contributions unless specifically allowed by board-approved sponsorship or donor recognition policies.
- Facilities will not be named after current employees or sitting members of the Board of Education.
- The Board reserves the right to rename or remove a name at its discretion if circumstances warrant.
- When a building or facility is retired, demolished, and/or replaced, the Board reserves the right to retain or retire the adopted name.

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