



COMMITTEE MEETING #1:

JULY 20, 2026



MANFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: EARLY LEARNERS ACADEMY 2027

With the passing of the May 2024 bond, the second Early Learners Academy will be located at the corner of W. Broad St. and Retta Rd. The state-of-the-art experiential campus is scheduled to open in August 2027, serving up to 750 Pre-K students.





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COMMITTEE NORMS & CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Keep Students at the Center

- Consider names that reflect the values, history, vision, and future of Mansfield ISD.

2. Respect All Perspectives

- Listen actively and respectfully to differing viewpoints.

3. Remain Objective

- Set aside personal preferences, relationships, and biases.
- Base recommendations on merit and alignment with district guidelines.

4. Maintain Integrity

- Refrain from advocating for a submission based solely on personal connections.
- Support a fair and equitable review process.

5. Maintain Confidentiality

- Keep committee discussions, deliberations, rankings, voting results, and draft recommendations within this committee.
- Direct media inquiries or public questions to district administration.

MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: BOARD POLICY **CW LOCAL** – GUIDELINES

The following guidelines shall be used in naming school buildings and other facilities in the District:

- The Board shall retain approval for a District campus.
- School buildings serving kindergarten-grade 8 shall be named for former District staff members who have rendered distinguished service to students in the District.
- School buildings serving grades 9-12 shall be named for the geographic and/or historical attributes of the campus site and “Mansfield” shall be part of the name.
- Facilities other than school buildings shall be named for **former District staff members** who have rendered distinguished service to students in the District.
- A committee shall study the recommendations for naming school buildings and other facilities. The Superintendent shall appoint one nonvoting administrator to chair the committee.
- The committee shall consist of:
 - Two Board members appointed by the Board President
 - Two citizens of the District appointed by the Board President
 - Three District personnel appointed by the Superintendent



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: BOARD POLICY **CW LOCAL** – NOMINATIONS

The criteria for the naming of a District campus shall include the following:

- An educator nominated must embody exemplary qualities that have served as a model of excellence and should adhere to the District's core beliefs and values of MISD.
- An educator must have made a significant contribution to the students and District.

The committee shall consider the ***contributions, importance, and history*** of each nominee.

Removed Nominations for:

- Non-district staff
- Current district staff
- Former staff who already have a facility named after them.

161 out of 320 submissions were removed for the reasons above.



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: THE COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

- Jesse Cannon II – trustee
- Michelle Newsom – trustee
- Maria Martinez-Cosio – community
- Raegan Jett Francis – community
- Dr. Tamara Liddell – staff
- Rita Denton – staff
- Fernando Benavides – staff
- Donald Williams & Katie Flowers – non-voting facilitators

Committee Meetings:

- July 20, 2026
- July 27, 2026



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: THE PROCESS

- Communications (email, text, app push notification, and social media posts) went out to the public for name submissions.
- Naming submissions were open from June 3 – June 25, 2026.
- **320 submissions received (159 eligible submissions & 161 ineligible submissions)**



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: TIMELINE

Meeting #1: **July 20, 2026**

First review of naming submissions.

Meeting #2: **July 27, 2026**

Second and finalize name recommendation.

The committee shall bring a recommendation to the Board for the Board's consideration at the **August 25** regular board meeting.



EARLY LEARNERS ACADEMY 2027



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting: **July 27**
- Bring your **top 2 names** to the next meeting
- Look at how rubric scored the top 5 submissions
- Bring recommendation before the board at the August 25 meeting



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: YOUR BINDER

- Committee Overview
- Board Policy for Naming Facilities (CW Local)
- Rubric example
- Eligible Name Submissions
- Ineligible Name Submissions



MANSFIELD ISD FACILITY NAMING: RUBRIC

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE WE BEGIN SCORING

- Review and evaluate all submissions before you score anyone.
- Review the rubric in your binder before scoring anyone.
- Keep in mind that you will be bringing your personal top 2 name to the next committee meeting.





NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:
JULY 27, 2026