

BUS19 - Naming Facilities

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Objective:

The district is committed to selecting meaningful and appropriate names for its facilities. The process will involve input from the community, staff, and students, with a focus on names that reflect significant geographic locations, historical events, or individuals who have made unique contributions.

1. Criteria for Naming Facilities:

In naming district facilities, consideration will be given to:

- Significant geographic locations, historical events, or events of community importance.
- Worthy individuals who have made unique contributions to the district and have been deceased for at least ten (10) years.

2. Definition of Facility:

For the purposes of this policy, “facility” refers to any school building, administration building, gymnasium, stadium, athletic field, or playground.

Naming Facilities (Community Input Process)

Objective:

The district will gather input from various stakeholders when naming new facilities. This inclusive process will ensure that the names chosen reflect the values and history of the community and align with district guidelines.

1. Gathering Input from Feeder Schools:

The district will engage students and Site Councils from feeder schools in the naming process:

- **Student Input:**
 - Meet with 5th and 6th grade students at each feeder school to explain the naming process and guidelines.
 - Students will submit suggested names, which will be collected by teachers and forwarded to principals.
- **Site Council Input:**
 - Meet with each feeder school’s Site Council to explain the process.
 - Site Councils will submit names, which will be forwarded to principals.
 - Site Councils will also select one member to serve on the advisory committee.

2. Community and Interest Groups:

The district will seek community input through advisory committee members drawn from feeder schools, community services, and local organizations. Community members will submit names based on the established guidelines.

3. Advisory Committee:

The advisory committee will consist of 15 members, including:

- Three (3) students, one from each feeder school.
- Three (3) certificated staff members, one from each feeder school.
- Three (3) Site Council members, one from each feeder school.
- One (1) regional facilitator.

- One (1) school principal.
- One (1) district public relations officer.
- Three (3) community members.

4. Committee Procedures:

- The committee will determine how to achieve consensus and select three (3) names to submit to the Governing Board, ranked in order of preference, along with the rationale for their selection.
- Names must align with the following guidelines:
 - Be easily identifiable with the facility.
 - Avoid duplicating or conflicting with other facility names in the district, nearby counties, or state.
 - Preferably reflect geographical significance or have meaning for the students attending the facility.
 - Not be offensive to any person, group, race, or nationality.
 - Avoid naming after living individuals; names of people should only be considered if the individual is deceased and made significant contributions to the community, state, or nation.
 - Avoid controversy.

Legal References:

- Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 15-341, 15-342, 15-2002 et seq., 15-2031