

## **FACILITIES**

### **Facilities Planning**

#### **Naming School Facilities and Dedicating Areas of School Facilities or Grounds**

This policy supersedes Policy 8170.2.

##### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines for the naming of school facilities and the permanent dedication or naming of areas of school facilities or grounds to honor individuals or for assigning naming rights for portions of school facilities in order to recognize private or corporate entities that make a significant contribution to benefit Fairfax County Public Schools.

##### **II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION**

- A. Section I., III., and IV. have been revised to include naming rights to private or corporate entities.
- B. Section IV. includes information and limitations of exterior signage on school grounds and may require a sign permit.

##### **III. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

It shall be the responsibility of the School Board to select names for all school facilities and to authorize the permanent dedication or naming of areas of school facilities or grounds to honor individuals. In fulfilling this responsibility, the School Board shall make every effort to respect the preference of the community; however, final decisions on the naming of school facilities and the dedicating of areas of school facilities or grounds shall rest entirely with the School Board. The School Board shall also have the responsibility to authorize naming rights for portions of school facilities in order to provide recognition for private or corporate entities that make a significant contribution to benefit Fairfax County Public Schools.

##### **IV. GUIDELINES**

The School Board member(s) representing the area in which a new school facility is located are encouraged to solicit suggestions for names from members of the community. A process and set of guidelines for soliciting community input are specified in the current version of Regulation 8170, Procedures for Naming School Facilities and Dedicating Areas of School Facilities or Grounds. As appropriate, the School Board member(s) may submit a recommended name or several names to the School Board for consideration.

|| The School Board acknowledges that the community may want to recognize exceptional contributions to a school or the school division by providing for the permanent dedication or naming of appropriate areas of a school facility (library or media center, commons area, gymnasium, etc.) or school grounds (field, courtyard, etc.) in honor of individuals, private or corporate entities making such exceptional or outstanding contributions. Names of deceased or retired individuals who have made such exceptional or outstanding contributions may be proposed. Names of persons actively serving Fairfax County Public Schools shall not be considered.

|| Exterior signage shall be limited to the extent practicable so that sign location, size and lighting are not visible from adjacent residential properties or public rights of way or as may otherwise be permitted by County regulation. Where applicable such signage may require a sign permit in accordance with the County's Zoning Ordinance.

When a school facility is recast and used for a new purpose or function, the School Board may rename that facility.

See also the current version of: Regulation 8170, procedures for Naming School Facilities and Dedicating Areas of School Facilities or Grounds

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