
NAMING SCHOOL FACILITIES OR AN AREA WITHIN A FACILITY

The Board recognizes that the official name selected for a school facility or a portion of a school facility is a vital factor in promoting a positive public image for the School District. While the Board is responsible for the naming and renaming of school facilities and portions of school facilities such as buildings, grounds, stadiums, athletic fields, annexes, media centers; the Board recognizes that community support is essential for an effective decision.

Naming a Facility

The Board of Education will endeavor to name new facilities at least nine months prior to the scheduled opening of the school or facility. School facilities may be named to reflect a geographic location, to commemorate an historic event or concept, or to recognize a deceased person. If named after someone, the individual for whom the facility is named will be a person of national or state prominence or someone who has contributed to Nashua, especially in the field of education. A plaque honoring the person will identify his or her contribution to education.

The President of the Board of Education will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of the School Board which will be charged with gathering suggestions, consistent with the guidelines above, for naming the facility from members of the community, from elected officials, from school district personnel and from students.

The Ad Hoc Committee will consider the suggestions and make a recommendation to the Board of Education for naming of the facility.

Naming an Area Within a Facility

The naming of an area within a school facility for an individual is an exceptional situation. An individual is eligible if:

- Five (5) years have elapsed from the date of completion of service to the Nashua School District.
- He or she made a significant contribution to the educational system.
- He or she demonstrated an exceptional and consistent high quality of interaction with children, in ways contributing to their overall well-being.
- He or she advocated for students above and beyond the normal expectations of the position held in the School District.

Areas to be named after individuals will be limited to core facility areas (gymnasium, library, etc.), playing fields, or school wings. When a portion of a facility is named for a person, a plaque honoring the person and identifying the person's contribution to education will be placed in the area.

The President of the Board of Education will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of the School Board which will review the naming proposal and make a recommendation to the full Board of Education.

Legal References:

RSA 199:3 Construction in Cities; Joint Building Committees

RSA 199:4 Transfer of Building

RSA 199:4a Final Report; Dissolution of Joint Building Committee

***Legal References Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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