

Policy 8120 School Naming Responsibility

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I. The naming of new schools, the renaming of existing schools, and the naming of major public school facilities in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Administrative Unit is the responsibility of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education.

II. The Building and Grounds Committee will have the responsibility of considering and recommending to the full Board of Education names for new school facilities and new names for existing school facilities. The Committee shall hold at least one public hearing to receive and consider comments and suggestions from individuals and groups for naming or changing the name of school facilities before submitting the Committee's recommendation to the Board of Education.

III. In addition to naming schools, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, may name specific school facilities, such as:

- A. Gymnasiums
- B. Stadiums
- C. Auditoriums
- D. Media Centers

IV. New school facilities should be named prior to entering into contracts for construction.

V. Criteria for naming school facilities:

- A. A school facility may not be named for a deceased individual for a period of six months after death.
- B. A school facility may not be named for a retired individual for a period of one year after retirement.
- C. School facilities may be named for:
 - 1. Community Leaders;
 - 2. Educational Leaders;
 - 3. State and National Figures; *and*
 - 4. Geographic Areas.

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