

Policy Code: 9300 »Naming «»Facilities «

The Yadkin County Board of Education considers »naming «»facilities « to be a significant endeavor since the name of a facility can reflect upon the students, staff, school district and community. Final responsibility and authority for such action rests solely with the Board of Education.

When selecting a name for a school or other facilities, the superintendent shall appoint a committee to recommend to the Board of Education no more than three suggested choices. This committee will include two (2) members of the Board of Education (from the area to be served, if possible), two (2) educators, two (2) central office administrators, and one (1) community member at large.

The Board may accept, reject or modify the committee's recommendation.

The Board recognizes that there might be occasion to name individual buildings, other facilities within a school (examples: auditoriums, media centers, office complex, stadiums, fields, or gym), or to establish a memorial at a facility. The following guidelines should be used.

A. Naming New Schools:

The naming of a school is a matter of great importance, deserving the most thoughtful attention of the Board, Administration and Community. The appointed committee shall solicit input from citizens in the community to be served by the new school. This committee shall report findings and suggestions for names to the Yadkin County Board of Education.

New schools may be named for:

- roads
- streets
- municipalities
- geographic locations or features or
- individuals that have contributed to the betterment of society, education, or the quality of life of the citizens of Yadkin County. A new school can only be named for an individual if that individual has been deceased or retired for a period of at least two (2) years.

B. »Naming « Individual Buildings or Other »Facilities « within a School

»Facilities « may be named as provided below. Recommendations for »naming «»facilities « must be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

1. Facilities may be named in honor or memory of an individual who has provided any or all of the following: service, leadership, or financial contribution to the local community, school system, county, state, or nation.
2. Facilities may be named for an organization that has made contribution through service, dedication of resources and/or revenue to the school or school system.
3. Facilities may be named for a person who has been deceased (two years) or retired for two or more years.

The plaque, nameplate, etc. must be uniform with other forms of recognition in the school. The person(s) who recommends the naming of a facility must agree to provide a plaque, nameplate, etc. at

no cost to the school system. Scholarships should be encouraged.

C. Memorials and Tributes

On occasion, the schools in Yadkin County are presented with opportunities (through gifts by individuals, groups, or organizations) to establish memorials and tributes. Memorials are given in memory of deceased individuals; tributes are given in honor of living individuals or groups. This policy is set forth to ensure consistency with the handling of contributions for memorials or tributes.

The school improvement team will meet at the beginning of the year to discuss items that the school needs or desires that could be purchased from money donated as a memorial or tribute. This list should include the approximate cost of the items. The compiled list will be kept on file in the school office with a copy sent to the Superintendent.

A Memorial/Tribute Book will be placed and remain in the school Media Center to record all donations.

Only monetary donations will be accepted. Prior to giving the donation, the donor may look at the list and select an item or items that they wish the school to purchase with the donated money. The school will then purchase the item from the list and record it in the Memorial/Tribute Book. Paper plaques will be put in books donated or purchased with donated funds. Other plaques will be left to the discretion of the school principal.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-36, -47](#)

Cross References: Gifts and Bequests (policy 8220)

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