

NAMING OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

As designated in the School Board Equity Policy-ACB, the School Board attempts to eliminate intolerance, inequities, and academic disparities in the Charlottesville City Schools division. Schools are the centers for diverse learning where all students are educated to their fullest potential.

The School Board is committed to a learning environment for the students free of, among other things, discrimination, violence, and hatred, whether based on race, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, religion or other illegal or impermissible reasons.

The School Board reserves the sole control and authority over the naming of any school or grounds and the right to rename a school or grounds at any time if the name is deemed by the School Board to be inconsistent with the vision, mission, goals, and values of the School Board. It is the intent of the School Board to involve students, teachers, and interested citizens that reflect the diversity of the Division's community in the process of naming or renaming schools.

The Board shall name schools in recognition of:

1. **Any entity, quality, or ideal that the School Board deems worthy of recognition (purpose).**
2. **The local history or geographic area of the school (place).**

No current or future schools or division buildings shall be named after individuals. For any buildings presently named after individuals, a new name should be identified as soon as practicable.

~~The Charlottesville City School Board may recognize contributions of truly exceptional individuals by naming facilities, rooms, or grounds or parts thereof after such individuals.~~

While school buildings cannot be named after individuals, the Charlottesville City School Board may honor the contributions of truly outstanding individuals by naming portions of school facilities after them, including spaces such as rooms, sports facilities, or parts of grounds.

The School Board has the authority to review all facilities, rooms, or grounds periodically for the relevance to the community, school population, fidelity to equity principles and core values of the school division.

To be nominated or considered for a naming honor, the individual must be retired, or no longer be working with Charlottesville City Schools or have formally notified the division that ~~he or she is~~ **they are** leaving the school system within one year.

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The School Board shall also have the responsibility to authorize naming rights for portions of school facilities in order to provide recognition for private individuals or corporate entities that make a significant financial contribution to benefit Charlottesville City Schools.

Accompanying regulations will outline the procedures for any person or group to recommend a name for any Charlottesville City School facility or any portion of a facility. The regulations will also specify any criteria regarding renaming of facilities if situations warrant a change or after a specified time period.

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