

Naming of Schools

District Criteria for School Names

The Governing Board shall name district schools in recognition of:

1. Individuals, living or deceased, and entities that have made significant contributions to the school community.
2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of local, statewide, national, or worldwide significance.
3. The geographic area in which the school is located.
4. Idea, concept or purpose that inspires.

Any name adopted for any new school shall not be so similar to the name of any existing district school as to result in confusion to members of the community.

When naming or renaming a district school, the Board may choose to specify the duration for which the name shall be in effect.

Public Participation in School Naming and Renaming Processes

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting school names. The Superintendent's Office will maintain a list of all names submitted to the Superintendent's secretary in writing in a signed letter format. This list will be maintained and provided to the School Naming Advisory Committee when the committee is activated by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee.

If the Board of Education or Superintendent determines the need to rename a school, an item will be placed on a Board of Education meeting agenda and information about the meeting will be provided to the impacted school community. Any school renaming agenda item will be discussed as an information item before any action is taken in a subsequent meeting.

School Naming Advisory Committee

A citizen advisory committee (e.g. School Naming Advisory Committee) shall be appointed by the Superintendent to prepare and review school name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board of Education's consideration. (cf. [1220](#) - Citizen Advisory Committees)

The Superintendent shall compose the School Naming Advisory Committee by inviting representatives from each of the following to serve a two-year term:

- At least half of its members from community based organizations or businesses, reflecting the diversity of the students in the school district
- At least one representative from the local area's historical community
- At least one representative from the Long Beach Council Parent Teacher Association
- At least one representative from each of the district's bargaining units
- At least one representative from the district's non-represented employees
- At least one student representative from a High School Associated Student Body
- At least one representative from an LBUSD parent forum

The role of the advisory committee will be to review the needs of the district for future school naming and/or re-naming, develop a list of names for the Board's consideration and provide background on the names recommended to the Board. The Board of Education has the final responsibility for naming schools.

If the Board requests a review of the existing policy, the advisory committee will review current policy and make recommendations for policy revision/s.

Before adopting any proposed name, the Board shall hold a public hearing at which members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide input. (cf. [9320](#) - Meetings and Notices)

Legal Reference:

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