

Policy Code: 9300 Naming Schools and Facilities

The naming of schools and facilities of the New Hanover County Schools deserves thoughtful attention and requires approval of the board. Any new or renamed school will be named for geographic terms related to the area of the county served. New or renamed facilities may be named only for geographic terms or mascots.

A. Definitions

As used in this policy, the terms “facility” or “facilities” include all properties, structures, and buildings of the New Hanover County School System, including but not limited to administrative offices, fields, stadiums, gymnasiums, tracks, field houses, auditoriums, courts, multi-purpose rooms, stages, and media centers. “Facility” does not include an individual school.

B. Naming Process

The following process is established for naming schools and facilities.

1. Proposals to name or rename a school or facility must be made to the superintendent or designee, or to board members, prior to consideration by the board.
2. If the superintendent or designee, or at least two board members, approves such proposal, it will be placed on the board’s meeting agenda as an information item. In order to allow sufficient time for public input and comment, such proposal will be placed on the board’s meeting agenda for action no sooner than 60 days from the date it was published as an information item on the board’s meeting agenda.

The board reserves the right to change facility names at any time by following the process set forth above; however, the board will honor any contractual obligations regarding the naming of facilities. Any attempt to name or rename a facility without following this policy is void and will not be honored unless approved by the board after waiving the requirements of this policy.

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

Cross References:

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