

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

No. 712

Section: 700 Property

Title: Naming of School
District Properties

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712 NAMING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that school names are important aspects of welcoming learning environments and are a reflection of the collective values of the school, its community, and the School District of Philadelphia (“District”). The purpose of this Policy is to provide a process and guidelines for naming or renaming District properties, portions of properties, and educational programs with these goals in mind.

Authority

The Pennsylvania Public School Code permits the Board to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and proper, regarding the naming or renaming of its properties, portions of properties, and educational programs.[1]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services, to maintain Administrative Procedures that provide guidelines and criteria for naming or renaming District properties, portion of properties, and educational programs that includes a formal process for obtaining and implementing school community input.

The District shall not use any name or phrase in connection with District properties without complying with law. All new school names should align with the mission, vision and equity commitments of the District and consider the diverse community the school serves.

Legal References:

1. 24 P.S. § 5-510.

Related Information:

[Administrative Procedures for Naming of School District Properties](#)