

NAMING OF SCHOOLS

Schools within the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS) are named upon recommendation of the Superintendent, with the approval and authority of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

A school may be named to honor:

1. Historic events and places, including generally accepted community subdivisions or geographic areas.
2. To honor the contributions and achievements of an individual.

In accordance with state law, “no public building, public bridge, public park, public fish or game preserve, or public wildlife refuge built, constructed, and maintained in a whole or in part with public funds and title to which stands in the name of the state or any of its subdivisions or in the name of any institution receiving its support in whole or in part from the state shall be named in honor of any living person”. (*La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:316*).

CRITERIA

1. When a request is made to name a school in honor of a historic event or place including generally accepted community subdivisions or geographic areas, the Superintendent and School Board shall ensure that naming the school in such a manner would honor the school system as well as the historic event, community subdivision or geographic area.
2. When a request is made to name a school in honor of an individual, the EBRPSS will be guided by the following criteria. An individual for whom a school would be named shall:
 - a. Have made substantial contributions to his/her field of endeavor or to society in general; or,
 - b. When possible, have had some significant connection with the school, either as a student, an alumnus, a faculty member, an administrator, a donor, or a supporter; or,
 - c. Have made significant contributions to the development of the school system or the State of Louisiana in education, the arts, public life, or some other appropriate field of endeavor;
 - d. In any event, the individual must be of such outstanding character and

distinction that naming a school after him/her would honor the East Baton Rouge Parish School System as well as the individual.

PROCEDURE

Existing Schools

When a request is made, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to determine if the request is legitimate and conforms to the above stated criteria. If the Superintendent finds that the request conforms to the stated criteria, he/she shall then appoint a committee. The committee is to be made up of representatives from the student body, the community in which the school is located, employees of the school system and a member of the School Board. The Board member is to be appointed by the School Board President. The committee shall hold a public meeting to entertain the submission of other names and conduct its deliberations. In the event there are more than three (3) names submitted, the committee shall narrow the list of names for consideration to three (3) and without the assignment of priority, submit the three (3) names to the Superintendent, who will then make a recommendation to the Board. If three (3) names or less are submitted, the committee shall forward all of the names to the Superintendent, and the committee may assign priority to one if it chooses.

New Schools

In anticipation of the opening and naming of a new school, the Superintendent shall appoint a committee. The committee shall include among others, representatives from the community in which the school is located, employees of the school system and a member of the School Board. The Board member shall be appointed by the School Board President.

The committee shall hold a public meeting to entertain the submission of names and conduct its deliberations. In the event there are more than three (3) names submitted, the committee shall narrow the list of names for consideration to three (3) and without the assignment of priority, submit the three (3) names to the Superintendent, who will then make a recommendation to the Board. If three (3) names or less are submitted, the committee shall forward all of the names to the Superintendent, and the committee may assign priority to one if it chooses.

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§14:316, 17:81; Board minutes, 5-20-04.

FACILITIES PLANNING

It shall be the responsibility of the Board and Superintendent to develop and implement plans for the school system which shall meet the future educational requirements of the community. The Board shall make the decisions based on long-range building plans and accreditation needs which will be implemented over the years to meet the school system's requirements.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall require that the Superintendent and/or designee ensure that all provisions of the *General Conditions of the Contract for Construction* are followed.

Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. '17:81.

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