

## **7.21—NAMING SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Except as otherwise permitted in this policy or Arkansas law, the District shall not name any building, structure, or facility, paid for in whole or in part with District funds, for an individual living at the time of its completion who, in the ten (10) years preceding its construction, was elected, or held, a federal, state, county, or municipal office and received a salary for his/her service.

Exceptions to the preceding paragraph may be made when a building, structure, or facility is a constructed through the use of at least 50% private funds or, the name refers to:

1. an individual(s) living at the time of its completion and who has historical significance;
2. an individual who is or has been a prisoner of war; or
3. a living individual who is at least 75 years of age and is retired.

Note: This policy was triggered by Act 1225 of 2013. Prior to the act there were no statutory naming restrictions applicable to school districts. The key language in the new restrictions is the person must be either elected **or** held office **and** received a salary for the office. This would **exempt**, for example, school employees and also school board members, but would **include** the Commissioner of Education, the governor, or a federally appointed judge.

Legal Reference:       A.C.A. § 25-1-121

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