## **MARIETTA PUBLIC SCHOOL - Policy**

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## MEMORIALS

The following guidelines apply to all other requests for memorials in school facilities or on District grounds. Any proposed memorial must be taken to the board of education for formal approval prior to installation on school premises.

The District recommends that individuals refrain from purchasing any type of memorial until it has been approved. The board of education will determine the location of all memorials on school grounds or in school facilities.

Memorials and activities not allowed include:

• Those that require the use of public funds to purchase, develop, or maintain (such as plantings of trees, shrubs, or perennials);

- A monument, statuary, or marker on school property;
- Memorials attached to a wall or in a trophy case;
- Memorials that require the altering of school property;
- Memorials that may alter the routine of a regular school instructional day, and Memorials that require the altering of school activities or the activity schedule.

Benches, tables, and other outdoor furnishings.

The board of education will consider accepting memorials of this type only to the extent that there is a suitable location and the style is complementary to the buildings and grounds. Each item may contain a plaque engraved with the memorialized individual's name, dates of birth and death, and the words, "donated in memory of" or "in memory of."

Maintenance, replacement, removal, and other long-term considerations must be considered and clearly delineated prior to approval of any memorial. Other types of memorials are addressed in the District's policy on acceptance of gifts.

All items received as memorials become the property of the School District, and the District cannot guarantee that memorials that become damaged or worn will be replaced at District expense. Existing Memorials established prior to the implementation of this policy will remain intact.