

# School Naming

The Elk Grove Unified School District unified in 1959 and four years later, four new schools opened. The names of these schools – Samuel Kennedy, James McKee, Jessie Baker, and Joseph Kerr – were selected by the Board of Education in partnership with the community.

Shortly after the schools were opened, EGUSD Superintendent George Kibby began the process of creating a School Naming Committee. The committee officially began in 1965 and is still in existence today.

In Elk Grove Unified, school names are selected by the School Naming Committee, a committee appointed by the Board of Education. The committee is made up of 4-20 community members who have an interest and understanding of the history of the community. Committee members serve two-year terms but have the option of being re-appointed. This committee requests input from members of the community.

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## School Naming Criteria

### *Elementary Schools*

Names for elementary schools reflect the cultural diversity of the district and may include names of persons or places prominent in the history of the area of what is now the Elk Grove Unified School District. Names may also include persons who have made significant contributions to education in Elk Grove Unified.

### *Middle Schools*

Middle schools will be named to reflect the cultural diversity of the district or after persons prominent in education. They may also be named after persons prominent in the history of Northern California or after Northern Californians prominent in the nation or world.

### *High Schools*

High schools will be named after the geographic area in which they are located.

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The School Naming Committee narrows down a list of potential names for a school to their top 3, which is then sent to the Board of Education for selection.

If rooms or buildings – such as libraries, multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, or athletic fields – are named, the following steps will apply:

- School staff and the community, under the direction of the principal, shall select at least three appropriate names from information gathered within the school community and from the School Naming Committee.
- Recommendations for the name of the room, building or field shall be reviewed by the School Naming Committee at a meeting.
- The Superintendent will present the school’s recommendations to the Board of Education for a final decision.