

New Construction

Site Selection and Development

The Governing Board believes that site selection and development starts from the premise that the school is an integral part of the total community. The Board will solicit community input whenever a school site is to be selected.

Besides serving our district's educational needs, an adequate site should show potential for contributing to other community needs and functions.

Careful consideration will be given to establishing criteria and procedures which ensure that the best possible sites are acquired and developed at the least expense.

(cf. 7120 - Participation in Planning)

Before title to any property is acquired, the Superintendent or designee shall secure the input of all agencies whose approval is required by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether any proposed development project is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act and shall ensure compliance with this Act whenever required.

Legal Reference: (See next page)

Site Selection and Development (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35271 Power to acquire and construct on adjacent property  
35275 New school planning and design, re consultation with  
local recreation and park authorities  
39000-39014 General provisions (school sites), especially  
39002 Investigation of prospective site; geological and  
engineering studies  
39005 Investigation of site near airport  
39101 Powers concerning buildings and building sites  
39601-39613 Powers and duties of governing boards of school  
district (re management and control of school property)

GOVERNMENT CODE

66413.7 Written notices of proposed public school site  
within development; investigation and report; conditions for  
acquisition

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

21000-21177 Implementation of Environment Quality Act,  
especially  
21081.6 Reporting and monitoring programs for project  
changes implementing mitigation findings  
21151.2 School site proposed acquisition or addition  
21151.3 School site acquisition or construction; hazardous  
air emissions  
21153 Local lead agency; consultations prior to completion  
of impact report

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14001 Minimum standards  
14010 Procedure for site acquisition

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

15000 et seq. Implementation of Environment Quality Act of  
1970

Policy  
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NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Environmental Impact Consideration Procedures

All proposed discretionary projects shall be evaluated to determine whether the project:

1. Is categorically exempt from these procedures.
2. Is the appropriate subject of a negative declaration.
3. May have a significant effect on the environment.

Criteria

During past discussion, the Board has used the following criteria to study and select potential school sites:

1. Site should enhance community school concept.
2. Site should avoid fast food, convenience stores, etc. locations.
3. Entrance to sites should be off main thoroughfares.
4. Sites next to a park should be closely studied before location is selected.