

New Construction

Concepts and Roles in New Construction

Providing proper educational facilities is a major responsibility of the Governing Board and the district administration. The design of the school plant, adequacy of space, and flexibility of use should all combine to enhance the instructional program.

Since school construction is costly, and buildings become a permanent part of the community to be used by large numbers of people, great care must be taken to make certain that the facilities will fully support the intended educational and community programs, that they may be altered conveniently and inexpensively to meet future educational and community needs, that they provide a healthful environment, and that the styling of the facilities will permit them to fit harmoniously and attractively into the community.

The Board:

1. Decides what buildings shall be built, when and where, and what equipment shall be purchased for them.
2. Decides on the additions to buildings or any major alterations.
3. Selects and purchases school sites for future plant expansion.
4. Selects architects and structural engineers for the district building program.

The Superintendent:

1. Supervises the development of the district's building program in accordance with state law and regulation.
2. Directs the planning of all educational features of new buildings or alterations of old buildings.
3. Maintains overall responsibility for the adequate implementation of the building program in accord with the educational needs of the district.
4. Acts as authorized agent of the district in all official governmental interactions related to the building program.

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The Director of Facilities:

1. Coordinates the preparation of plans from the developed educational specifications.
2. Oversees the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction.
3. Coordinates the district facility inspection program by authorized building inspectors.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 39000-39017 General provisions (school sites)
- 39110-39116 Plans of schoolhouses
- 39140-39159 Approval of plans and supervision of construction
- 39170-39173 Building of schoolhouses
- 39190-39200 Factory-built school buildings
- 39210-39214.5 Fitness of buildings for occupancy
- 39225 Liability of governing board members
- 39226 Limitation on liability of governing board members
- 39300-39325 Leasing of school buildings

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 14000 Policy declaration
- 14001 Minimum standards
- 14010 Procedure for site acquisition
- 14030 Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities
- 14031-14032 Submissions to bureau of site facilities planning; approval

Policy  
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