

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 be designed 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 Governing Board, based upon the recommendations of the Superintendent:

1. Approves what buildings shall be built, when and where, and what equipment shall be purchased for them.
2. Approves additions to buildings or any major alterations.
3. Approves the selection and purchase of school sites.
4. Approves the selection of architects and structural engineers for the district building program.
5. Approves the financing of school facilities.

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 for new buildings and alterations of existing buildings.
3. Directs the building program in accordance with the educational needs of the district.
4. Directs all official governmental interactions related to the building program.
5. Directs the preparation of plans from the developed educational specifications.
6. Directs the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction.
7. Directs the district facility inspection program by authorized building inspectors.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17210-17224 General provisions (school sites)

17260-17268 Plans of schoolhouses

17280-17317 Approval of plans and supervision of construction

17340-17343 Building of schoolhouses

17350-17360 Factory-built school buildings

17365-17374 Fitness of buildings for occupancy; Liability of governing board members

17371 Limitation on liability of governing board members

17400-17429 Leasing of school buildings

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

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

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