

Determining Needs

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain planning procedures for school facilities. These procedures shall serve as the basis for determining facility needs that will enhance the district educational program. Accordingly, criteria for determining these needs shall reflect the goals and objectives of the district facilities master plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall draw upon all necessary resources to assure that proposed district facilities meet the educational needs of the students and conform to all planning requirements imposed by state and local governmental agencies. These resources shall include district staff, educational consultants, design firms, community members, utility companies, local governmental and planning agencies, the County Office of Education, the State Department of Education and the Office of the State Architect.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff parent/guardians, students, and business and community representatives are kept informed of the need for construction and modernization of facilities and of the district's plans for facilities. The Superintendent or designee may also establish a facilities committee that shall meet at regular intervals in order to give community members opportunities to provide input into the planning process. The committee may consult local governmental and state planning agencies in order to ensure compliance with local and state standards.

1. To assure a comprehensive approach to projecting and planning needs, the following elements shall be considered in planning school facilities:
2. The expanding and changing educational program of the district including the number of children to be served and their specific educational needs.
3. The impact of proposed facilities on the community and considerations regarding community use of the facilities.
4. Safety and welfare of students.
5. The relationship between existing and new facilities.
6. Community planning and zoning requirements.
7. Other site specific information which provides guidance in the planning of facilities.
8. The forecasted enrollments and demographic factors.

NOTE: As added by AB1367 (CH 396, Statutes of 2001). Government Code 65352.2 requires the Board to provide a copy of any facilities master plan or other long-range facilities plan to the city or county agency or planning commission with jurisdiction over district land use issues as specified below.

At least 45 days prior to completion of any facilities plan that relates to the potential expansion of existing school sites or the necessity to acquire additional school sites, the Superintendent or designee shall notify and provide copies of the plan or any relevant and available information to the planning commission or agency of the city or county with land use jurisdiction within the district. (Government Code 65352.2)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35275 New school planning and design (re cooperative relations with recreation and park authorities)

39110-39116 Plans of schoolhouses

17302 Persons qualified for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates and the supervision of construction

17316 Contract provision required making plans etc. property of district

39150 Approval in writing from Department of General Services (construction or alteration of school facilities)

39158 Requirement for SDE approval

39210-39230 Fitness for occupancy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14030(c) Prepare educational specifications

14031 Submission to bureau of school facilities planning

14032 Plan approval

14033 Planning guides "The Guide for Planning Educational Facilities"

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