

Facilities

Facilities Master Plan

The Orange Unified School District facilities master plan shall be maintained and kept up-to-date. The plan shall reflect the short and long term educational programming needs of the students based on the district educational goals. To assist in the accurate assessment of these needs, the plan shall include an identification of social, economic and political factors in the community together with district-level housing and funding issues which will ultimately affect the success and effectiveness of the district building and renovation program.

The plan shall, at a minimum, incorporate population and enrollment projections based on a review of: (1) residential housing growth patterns; (2) kindergarten enrollments; and (3) student yield factors.

Concurrent with efforts to identify those demographic factors affecting school enrollment, the plan shall include an analysis of present and future design needs of the district together with an assessment of those qualitative factors which reflect the characteristics and capacity of each school facility.

The plan shall be based on an assessment of the district's short- and long-term facility needs, giving consideration to:

1. Current and projected school enrollments for each grade level, based on residential housing growth patterns in accordance with city/county general plans and other demographic factors.
2. The district's educational goals. (cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
3. Current and projected educational program requirements.
4. Student safety and welfare.
5. An evaluation of existing buildings and needs for modernization and renovation. (cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)
6. State planning standards and local zoning requirements.
7. The community's social, economic and political characteristics.
8. Estimated costs associated with meeting the district's facility needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff, parents/ guardians, students, and business and community representatives are kept informed of the need for facilities construction or modernization.

## **BP 7110(b)**

The Superintendent or designee shall 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. (cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

To ensure that proposed facilities conform with all state planning standards and local zoning requirements, the Superintendent or designee shall consult architectural and engineering firms, utility companies, local governmental and planning agencies, the county office of education, the California Department of Education, the Division of the State Architect and the Office of Public School Construction. Assistance from colleges and universities, planning laboratories and private consulting firms shall be authorized when necessary to augment district staff resources.

### **School Capacities**

1. "Capacity" is defined as 30 students per elementary classroom for all available classrooms and specifically excludes Library space, Instructional Support Center space and Multi-Purpose space.

"As built" is defined as the original footprint of the actual building including any originally planned relocatable space.

2. The minimum capacity required to operate a school is 51% of as built capacity. At such time that a school reaches 50% of as built capacity, the Superintendent or designee shall direct staff to begin the capacity review process for recommendation(s) to the Board of Education.
3. The maximum capacity to operate a school is 95% of as built capacity. At such time that a school reaches 96% of as built capacity, the Superintendent or designee will follow subsequent administrative regulations.
4. It is conceivable that a campus could expand to either 120% of as built capacity or 145% of as built capacity. Should this occasion ever arise, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board of Education the school be capped for new enrollment purposes.

### **Minimum Junior High School Requirements**

To be determined.

### **Minimum Senior High School Requirements**

To be determined.

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 17717.5 Approval of applications for projects
- 35275 New school planning; cooperation with recreation and park authorities
- 39101 CDE standards and advice
- 39110-39120 Plans of schoolhouses, especially:
- 39113.5 Plan requiring accommodation for child care programs
- 39140-39159 Approval of plans and supervision of construction
- 39210-39232 Fitness for occupancy
- 39304.5 Relocatable structures; lease requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 14001 Minimum standards
- 14030-14037 Standards, planning and approval of school facilities

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 12101 et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

- 35 New construction or alteration of existing facilities