

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

The Board will solicit community input whenever a school site is to be selected. Careful consideration shall be given to establishing criteria and procedures which ensure that the best possible sites are acquired and developed at the least expense. (cf. 7112 - Determining Extent of New Construction) (cf. 7120 - Participation in Planning)

Before title to any property is acquired, the Superintendent or designee shall make all investigations required by law. The Board shall evaluate the property at a public hearing using state site selection standards. The Superintendent or designee shall document and certify the district's compliance with state standards to the California Department of Education and the State Allocation Board.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act whenever a proposed development project is subject to provisions.

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 17724 Prior written approval of CDE for selection of school site or construction of building  
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  
39001 Public hearing to evaluate site  
39002-39002.5 Investigation of prospective site; geological and engineering studies  
39003 Approval of site acquisition  
39005-39007 Investigation of site near airport  
39101 Powers concerning buildings and building sites  
39120 Compliance before construction  
39601-39621 Board duties 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  
21151.4 Construction or alteration of facility within 1/4 mile of school  
21151.8 Information re-existence of hazardous or solid waste disposal site or pipelines containing hazardous substances  
21153 Local lead agency; consultations prior to completion of impact report

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

- 1263.710-1263.770 Remediation of hazardous substances on property to be acquired by school districts

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

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