

Facilities

Facilities Master Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare educational specifications for school design to support the educational program as determined by district goals, objectives, policies and community input. These specifications shall define: (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14030)

1. The enrollment of the school and its grade-level configuration.
2. The emphasis in curriculum content or teaching methodology that influences the school design.
3. The type, number, size, function, special characteristics of each space, and spatial relationships of the instructional area that are consistent with the educational program
4. Community functions that may affect the school design.

Facilities plans shall conform with state standards as specified in the Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14030. These standards are briefly and partially summarized below:

1. Sites shall be arranged so that parent drop-off, bus-loading areas and staff parking are separated to allow students to enter and exit the school grounds safely.
2. Playgrounds and field areas shall be adequate to accommodate physical education requirements for the planned student enrollments.
3. Delivery and service areas shall be located so as to provide vehicle access without jeopardizing the safety of students and staff.
4. Site layouts shall have capability for expansion without substantial alterations to existing structures or playgrounds.
5. The placement of buildings shall be compatible with their functions and with the functions of other buildings.
6. Unless otherwise justified, classrooms at new school sites shall be not less than 960 square feet or shall provide not less than 30 square feet per student, with conduit/cabling and outlets related to planned and potential educational functions.
7. Specialized classrooms shall be designed to reflect the function planned for that portion of the educational program such as small group instruction, kindergarten, and special education.

8. Laboratories shall be designed for the planned curriculum allowing for storage, ventilation, teacher preparation areas, proper outlets and power sources, safety equipment, proper hazardous materials management, and room to move around fixed learning stations.
9. Gymnasiums and shower/locker areas shall be designed to accommodate multiple-use activities in accordance with the planned enrollment, with the gymnasium secured from other parts of the campus for evening, weekend and public-use purposes.
10. Auxiliary areas such as multipurpose cafeterias, administrative offices and library/media centers shall be adequately sized, allow adaptation for changing technology and communication systems, and provide security for technology and media equipment.
11. Lighting shall be designed to provide comfortable and adequate levels of illumination in each educational space.
12. Hearing conditions shall complement the educational functions by good sound control.
13. Restrooms shall be sufficient to accommodate the maximum planned enrollment and located on campus to allow for supervision.
14. Schools planned for multitrack year-round operation shall have additional space for associated storage, supplies and planning.
15. Provision of appropriate space to accommodate before-school and after-school child care programs.

Plans shall also comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations which require that facilities be designed and constructed so that they are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. (42 USC 12101 - 12213, 28 CFR 35)

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