

Evaluating Existing Buildings

All existing facilities will be evaluated periodically for their spatial, thermal, visual, health, sonic, and aesthetic requirements in terms of the desired educational programming and for safety and structural soundness as required by law.

Any identified needs for repair, modernization, or construction shall be incorporated into the County Office of Education facilities planning process.

Energy Efficiency

To the extent that services are available, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the energy audit of school buildings to identify the type and amount of work necessary to retrofit buildings and obtain an estimate of projected energy savings. The County Office may contract with qualified businesses capable of retrofitting these buildings and may borrow funds which do not exceed the amount of energy savings to be accumulated from the improvement of the buildings.

*Legal Reference:**EDUCATION CODE**17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, especially:**17071.10-17071.40 Existing school building capacity**17280-17316 Building approvals**17365-17374 Fitness for occupancy**17650-17653 Retrofitting school facilities for energy conservation**GOVERNMENT CODE**53097 Compliance with city or county ordinances**53097.5 Inspection of schools by city or county**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2**1859-1859.106 Regulations relating to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998*