

Site Selection and Development

The Board of Education and Superintendent believe that a school site should serve the County Office of Education's program needs in accordance with the master plan as well as show potential for contributing to other community needs.

The Board and Superintendent recognize the importance of community input in the site selection process. To this end, the County Office will solicit community input whenever a school site is to be selected and shall provide public notice and hold public hearings in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a site selection process which complies with law and ensures that the best possible sites are acquired and developed in a cost-effective manner.

Before acquiring property for a new school or an addition to an existing school site, the Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the property at a public hearing using state site selection standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether any proposed development project is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and shall ensure compliance with this Act whenever so required.

Agricultural Land

If the proposed site is in an area designated in a city, county, or city and county general plan for agricultural use and zoned for agricultural production, the Superintendent or designee shall determine all of the following:

1. That the County Office of Education has notified and consulted with the city, county, or city and county within which the prospective site is to be located.
2. That the County Office has evaluated the final site selection based on all factors affecting the public interest and not limited to selection on the basis of the cost of the land.
3. That the County Office shall attempt to minimize any public health and safety issues resulting from the neighboring agricultural uses that may affect students and employees at the site.

Board Policy 7150(b)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17006 Definition of self-certifying district

17024 Prior written approval of CDE for selection of school site or construction of building

17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998

17210-17224 General provisions (school sites)

17240-17245 New Schools Relief Act

17250.10-17250.50 Design-build contracts

17251-17253 Powers concerning buildings and building sites

17260-17268 Plans

17280-17317 Approvals

17565-17592.5 Board duties re management and control of school property

35271 Power to acquire and construct on adjacent property

35275 New school planning and design, re consultation with local recreation and park authorities

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

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

1263.710-1263.771 school district

GOVERNMENT CODE

53094 Authority to render zoning ordinances inapplicable

65402 Acquisition or disposition of property

65995-65997 Developer fees

66455.9 Written notices of proposed public school site within development; investigation and report; conditions for acquisition

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

44360 Risk assessment

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

21000-21177 Implementation of Environmental Quality Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14001-14036 Minimum standards

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

15000-15209 Review and evaluation of EIRs and negative declarations

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 130 (1999)