

Policy 7150: Site Selection And Development

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The Governing Board believes that a school site should serve the district's educational needs in accordance with the district's master plan, as well as show potential for contributing to other community needs.

The Board recognizes the importance of community input in the site selection process. To this end, the Board 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 Board, at a public hearing, shall either evaluate the property using state site selection standards specified in 5 CCR 14010 or, if a district advisory committee was appointed to evaluate the property, receive the committee's report of findings based on those standards. (Education Code 17211, 17251)

Environmental Impact Investigation for the Site Selection Process

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, including any web site posting requirements. When evaluating district projects, the CEQA guidelines shall be used.

Environmental review documents, including a draft environmental impact report, environmental impact report, negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration, and public notice of the preparation and availability of such documents, shall be posted on the district's web site. (Public Resources Code 21082.1, 21092, 21092.2)

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 Board shall determine all of the following: (Education Code 17215.5)

1. That the district has notified and consulted with the city, county, or city and county within which the prospective site is to be located
2. That the Board 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 district 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

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
14 CCR 15000-15285	Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970
5 CCR 14001-14036	California Department of Education: school facilities construction
Code of Civil Procedure 1263.710-1263.770	<u>Remediation of hazardous substances on property to be acquired by school district</u>
Ed. Code 17006	<u>Definition of self-certifying district</u>
Ed. Code 17024	<u>Prior written approval of CDE for selection of school site or construction of building</u>
Ed. Code 17070.10-17077.10	<u>Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998</u>
Ed. Code 17210-17224	<u>School Sites; general provisions</u>
Ed. Code 17240-17245	<u>New Schools Relief Act</u>
Ed. Code 17250.10-17250.55	<u>Design-build contracts</u>
Ed. Code 17251-17256	<u>CDE powers concerning buildings and building sites</u>
Ed. Code 17260-17268	<u>Plans and specifications for school facilities</u>
Ed. Code 17280-17317	<u>Field Act; approval of plans and supervision of construction</u>
Ed. Code 17565-17592.5	<u>Board duties; management and control of school property</u>
Ed. Code 35271	<u>Power to acquire and construct on adjacent property</u>
Ed. Code 35275	<u>New school planning; cooperation with recreation and park authorities</u>
Gov. Code 53094	<u>Authority to render zoning ordinances inapplicable</u>
Gov. Code 65402	<u>Acquisition or disposition of property</u>
Gov. Code 65995-65998	<u>Developer fees</u>
Gov. Code 66455.9	<u>Written notices of proposed public school site within development; investigation and report; conditions for acquisition</u>

H&S Code 44360

[Risk assessment](#)

Pub. Res. Code 21000-21177

[California Environmental Quality Act of 1970](#)

Management Resources

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Attorney General Opinion

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

Website

[Governor's Office of Planning and Research](#)

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[Department of Toxic Substances Control](#)

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[California Department of Education, School Site Selection and Approval Guide](#)

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[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

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[Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction](#)

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[California Department of Education, School Facilities](#)

Cross References

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