Facilities  
SCHOOL SITE SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT

The County Board and County Superintendent believe that a school site should serve educational needs in accordance with their master plan as well as show potential for contributing to other community needs.

The County Superintendent or designee shall establish a site selection process that 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 County Board shall evaluate the property at a public hearing using state site selection standards. (Education Code 17211.)

Environmental Impact Investigation for the Site Selection Process

The County 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 CEQA whenever so required. When evaluating projects for the County Board or County Superintendent, the CEQA guidelines shall be used.

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 County Board (on a project that is located on real property owned by the County Board) or the County Superintendent (on a project that is not located on real property owned by the County Board) shall determine all of the following (Education Code 17215.5):

1. That notice has been provided to and consultation occurred the city, county, or city and county within which the prospective site is to be located.

2. That an evaluation of the final site selection has been conducted based on all factors affecting the public interest and not limited to selection on the basis of the cost of the land.

3. That an attempt has been made to minimize any public health and safety issues resulting from the neighboring agricultural uses that may affect students and employees at the site.

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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 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**  

**Management Resources**

**Web Sites**  
CDE, School Facilities Planning Division: http://www.cde.ca.gov/dmsbranch/sfpdiv  
Office of Public School Construction: http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov/

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