

New Construction

Developing Educational Specifications

To ensure that facilities being planned are designed best to implement the educational program, the superintendent will provide for the establishment of educational specifications to apply when planning and building or leasing permanent or temporary county office facilities.

The educational specifications will include at least the following:

1. Description of the pupils to be housed (e.g., age level, number, levels of intelligence, physical normality or abnormality)
2. The kinds of educational activities to be performed.
3. The kinds and amount of furniture and equipment needed.
4. The relationship among areas of plant and site (band room and library; playing fields and library; front office and school control).
5. Special site considerations (wild areas, cooperative community use, traffic patterns, etc.)
6. Any other kinds of information which will give guidance to an architect in arriving at a solution (e.g., special electrical or plumbing needs)

Legal Reference:

Education Code  
39110-39124 Plans of schoolhouses  
39148 Persons qualified for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates and the supervision of construction  
39150 Approval in writing from Department of General Services (construction or alteration of school facilities)  
39210-39230 Fitness for occupancy  
39240-39252 Lease and lease-purchase of sites, buildings and facilities.

California Administrative Code, Title 5  
14030(c) Prepare educational specifications  
14031 Submission to bureau of school facilities planning  
14032 Plan approval  
14033 Planning guides "The Guide for Planning Educational Facilities"

Policy

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