

Major Capital School Construction Programs



Scarborough Public Schools
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History

The Maine Department of Education assists school districts in improving the quality and condition of learning environments for Maine students.

See State Board of Education Chapter 61, [Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects](#).

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Previous Ranking Cycles

- 2010-2011 71 school applications received by the DOE
- 2017-2018 74 school applications received by the DOE
 - Eight Corners ranked **34th** of 74
 - Pleasant Hill ranked **36th** of 74
 - Blue Point ranked **49th** of 74
 - Scarborough Middle School ranked **59th** of 74

What is involved in Ranking Process?

- Schools Submit applications to the state until August 30, 2024
- After August 30, Facilities Team from the state sets a schedule for visiting every school who submitted applications and ranks them according to consistent criteria
- Proposed priority lists are developed once all school visits are completed
- Timeline for notification: Fall, 2025

Categories for Ranking:

- 1. Building and Grounds**
 - a. Unsafe conditions
 - b. Obsolete, inefficient, or unsuitable
- 2. School Population**
 - a. Overcrowding
 - b. Enrollment and Population Shifts
- 3. Program and Planning**
 - a. Individual Programs/Content areas

Other Key Considerations

- They do not grade or assess the condition of portables, since they are considered temporary space
- Portables can factor in to scoring dependent on # of students housed there, what programs they contain, communication & safety issues that are presented

Three drivers for State Funded School Construction

1. Extent of needs
2. Costs of construction
3. Available state Funds (from GPA)

State needs to identify other \$ sources

- Scoring cycle is consistent from last round
- The 2017-2018 ranking included the approval of 9 total projects (that impacted 22 schools, many of which consolidated)

For More Information...

[Link here](#) for 2017-2018 Rating Cycle Evaluation Reports (also on Building Webpage)

Information on 2024-2025 Ranking Cycle [here](#)

