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Developing Educational Specifications

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to develop Educational Specifications which address all aspects of a planned facility that effect the educational program. Educational Specifications are the means by which the Board of Education shall describe the educational activities, spaces and adjacencies of spaces which need to be incorporated in a new or renovated facility. They are written statements that serve as a vehicle of communication between the school system and the architect.

Development of Educational Specifications

The Superintendent of Schools will present the Educational Specifications to the Board of Education for adoption. The Educational Specification, upon Board adoption, will be presented to the School Maintenance and Building Committee.

Content of Educational Specifications

As a minimum, Educational Specifications shall include the following:

- Project rationale,
- Master Plan for the district (district's long range educational plan and the relationship of the proposed project to such plans),
- Capacity and enrollment data,
- Programs to be housed,
- Support facilities,
- Community use,
- Systems to incorporate (HVAC, technology, clocks, etc.),
- Environment controls,
- Handicap access,
- Site development,
- Priority category and rationale (for State Department of Education grant application),
- Other data - room sizes, adjacencies, acoustics, lighting levels, configuration of rooms, colors, windows, floor finish, furniture, and classroom equipment,
- Automatic sprinkler systems,
- Maximization of natural light,
- Compliance, with the school safety infrastructure standards developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to Section 80 of P.A. 13-3. (Industry standards for school building infrastructure), and
- Use of and accommodation for educational technology.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-283](#) Applications for grants for school building projects

[10-284](#) Receipt and review of applications by Commissioner of Education.
Approval or disapproval of applications by Commissioner of Construction Services (as amended by Section 81 of P.A. 13-3)

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Legal References (cont.)

[29-315](#) Fire extinguishing system required for certain buildings for human occupancy; other occupancies.

Public Act 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety (Sections 80, 81)

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