

Policy

SITE ACQUISITION AND APPROVAL

The Egg Harbor city Public School District when seeking to initiate a school facilities project shall apply to the Division of Administration and Finance on a Commissioner-provided form for approval of the school facilities project. School facilities projects include:

- A. New construction;
- B. Rehabilitation, provided that the rehabilitation or capital maintenance consists of the entire building system in the same school facility building section, as building section is defined in the approved LRFP, unless one or more of the components of a mechanical, electrical, or plumbing building system is required for the continued operation of such system;
- C. Acquisition of existing buildings to accommodate unhoused students;
- D. Furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, but they shall be eligible for State support only as follows:
 - 1. Furnishings with a useful life of 10 years or greater when part of a school facilities project is either new construction or rehabilitation and also qualified as reconstruction;
 - 2. Fixtures when part of a school facilities project;
 - 3. Equipment with a useful life of 10 years or greater either consisting of a school facilities project when it is an integral and substantial part of a building system in a school facility or when part of a school facilities project;
 - 4. Air conditioning equipment with a useful life of 10 years or greater either consisting of a school facilities project when it is an integral and substantial part of a building system or when part of a school facilities project; and
 - 5. Technology electronic systems recommended by the "Facilities Standards for Technology in New Jersey Schools" and the "Working Toward the Future With Our Children" educational technology plan for New Jersey, or subsequent State educational technology standards for New Jersey schools, when part of a school facilities project which is either new construction or rehabilitation that also qualifies as reconstruction.
- E. The rehabilitation of a playground with playground equipment when required to support the Core Curriculum Content Standards as defined by the number of physical education teaching stations applicable to the school facility pursuant to the facilities efficiency standards and the approved programmatic model.

Site Selection

In selecting new sites for district (commission) facilities, the board will consider:

- A. Location in relationship to hazards and nuisance's;
- B. Size and appropriateness for proposed purpose;
- C. Fairness of price;
- D. A pupil distribution map showing the distribution of residences;
- E. Any existing buildings on the property;

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- F. Statements from architects and engineers that the land to be acquired is suitable for the proposed use including environmental suitability;
- G. Recommendations of the executive county superintendent and/or the New Jersey Department of Education; and
- H. Recommendations of the local planning board and appropriate state agencies e.g. CAFRA, Pinelands, etc.

The Chief School Administrator, professional architects and engineers shall ensure that sites are developed in such a way as to enhance the educational program most effectively at the least cost. The board shall seek and acquire the review by the New Jersey Department of Education prior to acquiring any site for Board of Education purposes. The district shall not initiate a school facilities project without an approved LRFP.

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Key Words

Site, Acquisition, Land Purchase, Building Purchase

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-3 Definitions relative to construction, financing of public school facilities
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16 Preparation and approval of plans and specifications for public schoolhouses
N.J.S.A. 40:55D-31 Review by planning board
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1 et seq. Educational Facilities
See particularly:
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.1 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.2, -5.3, -7.1

Possible

Cross References: *7110 Long-range facilities plan
 *3100 Budget planning, preparation and adoption
 *3220/3230 State funds; federal funds
 *3260/3270 Sale and disposal of books, equipment and supplies; sale, licensing and rental of property
 3360 Rental/long-term leasing
 7114.2 Temporary facilities
 *7115 Developing educational specifications

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.