

HOW SCHOOL FACILITIES ARE FUNDED

IN CALIFORNIA



Local Bonds

- Voter-approved general obligation bonds help pay for building, improving, and repairing campuses.
- These funds are highly restricted for facilities projects and cannot be used for everyday operating costs.

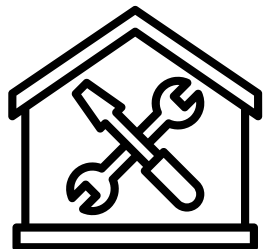
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State Reimbursement

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Help from the state... when funds are available

- The School Facility Program provides reimbursement for new construction and modernization.
- The state **requires** local matching funds from the district (typically done through local bonds).



Developer Fees

- Districts can collect developer impact fees on new residential growth.
- These fees help offset facility needs caused by development, but they rarely cover a full project by themselves (roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ the cost of an elementary school).

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Other Local Tools

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- Mello-Roos/Community Facilities District (CFD) taxes can help fund schools, and other public improvements like parks, infrastructure, and public safety.
- These typically only fund a portion of the project and are combined with other funding sources.

