Regulation 7111: Evaluating Existing Buildings

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The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the adequacy, design, and conditions of existing district facilities to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program and provide a healthful and pleasing environment for students and staff. He/she also shall determine whether district facilities fulfill legal requirements for safety and structural soundness, access for the disabled, and energy conservation.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly calculate the capacity of existing school buildings to adequately house the district's current students and projected enrollments.

Any identified needs for repair, modernization, or construction shall be incorporated into the district's facilities planning process.

Structural Safety

In the event that the Department of General Services or any licensed structural engineer or licensed architect finds and reports to the Governing Board that a district building is unsafe for use, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately obtain an estimate of the cost of repairs or reconstruction necessary to bring the building up to legal standards for structural safety. The Board shall establish a system of priorities for the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of unsafe school buildings. (Education Code 17367)

A relocatable school building or structure shall meet the requirements of Education Code 17280-17317 and 17365-17374 pertaining to structural safety. (Education Code 17291)

Energy Efficiency

To the extent that services are available, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the energy audit of school buildings to identify the type and amount of work necessary to retrofit buildings and obtain an estimate of projected energy savings. The district may contract with qualified businesses capable of retrofitting these buildings and may borrow funds which do not exceed the amount of energy savings to be accumulated from the improvement of the buildings. (Education Code 17651-17653)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
2 CCR 1859-1859.199	Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act
Ed. Code 17070.10-17077.10	Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998

Ed. Code 17071.10-17071.40	Existing school building capacity
Ed. Code 17280-17317	Building approvals
Ed. Code 17365-17374	Field Act; fitness for occupancy; liability of board members
Ed. Code 17650-17653	Retrofitting school facilities for energy conservation
Gov. Code 53097	Compliance with city or county ordinances
Gov. Code 53097.5	Inspection of schools by city or county

Management Resources	**Description**
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction
Website	California Energy Commission, Bright Schools Program
Website	Coalition for Adequate School Housing
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Education, School Facilities

Cross References

Code	**Description**
0410	Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities
3280	Sale Or Lease Of District-Owned Real Property
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3510	Green School Operations
3511	Energy And Water Management
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3514	Environmental Safety
3514	Environmental Safety
3515	Campus Security
3515	Campus Security
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3516	Emergencies And Disaster Preparedness Plan
3517	Facilities Inspection
3517-E(1)	Facilities Inspection
5142.2	Safe Routes To School Program
5142.2	Safe Routes To School Program
6151	Class Size

7000	Concepts And Roles
7110	Facilities Master Plan
7160	Charter School Facilities
7160	Charter School Facilities
7212	Mello-Roos Districts
7213	School Facilities Improvement Districts