

**Policy 7140: Architectural And Engineering Services****Original Adopted Date: 2/14/2024**

The Governing Board desires to provide school facilities that support the educational program and meet all applicable safety and design standards. When required by law, the Board shall employ or contract with a licensed and certified architect and/or structural engineer to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities.

The architect and/or structural engineer shall be responsible for preparing all construction plans, specifications, and estimates and for the observation of the work of construction. (Education Code 17302)

To ensure compliance with state design and safety standards, preliminary and final plans for any state-funded school facility project, including Board-approved educational specifications for school design when necessary, shall be submitted to the California Department of Education and the Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect. (Education Code 17267; 5 CCR 14030-14032)

The Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects, structural engineers, and other design professionals that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each project, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend architectural and engineering firms to the Board for approval. The Board shall pay fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. The Board need not select the lowest responsible bidder.

**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.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
24 CCR 101	California Building Standards Code
5 CCR 14001	Minimum standards for school facilities
5 CCR 14030-14036	Standards, planning, and approval of school facilities
Bus. Code 5500-5502	<a href="#">Architecture</a>
Bus. Code 5550-5558	<a href="#">Architects; licensure</a>
Bus. Code 6700-6706.3	<a href="#">Professional Engineers Act</a>
Bus. Code 6750-6767	<a href="#">Engineers; licensure</a>
CA Constitution Article 22	<a href="#">Architectural and engineering services</a>
Ed. Code 17070.10-17079.30	<a href="#">Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act</a>
Ed. Code 17250.10-17250.55	<a href="#">Design-build contracts</a>

Ed. Code 17250.60-17250.69	<a href="#">Alternative design-build contracts</a>
Ed. Code 17251-17256	<a href="#">CDE powers concerning buildings and building sites</a>
Ed. Code 17260-17268	<a href="#">Plans and specifications for school facilities</a>
Ed. Code 17280-17317	<a href="#">Building approvals</a>
Ed. Code 17371	<a href="#">Limitation on liability of governing board</a>
Gov. Code 14837	<a href="#">Definition of small business</a>
Gov. Code 4525-4529.5	<a href="#">Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management firms</a>
Gov. Code 87100	<a href="#">Public officials; financial interest</a>
Pub. Cont. Code 20110-20118.44	<a href="#">School district contracts</a>
<b>Management Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
California Department of Education Publication	<a href="#">Plan Submission Requirements for Modernization Projects, Form SFPD 4.08</a>
California Department of Education Publication	<a href="#">Plan Submission Requirements for New Construction, Form SFPD 4.07</a>
Office of Public School Construction Publication	<a href="#">School Facility Program Handbook, January 2019</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect</a>
Website	<a href="#">American Institute of Architects California Council</a>
Website	<a href="#">Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education, School Facilities</a>

## Cross References

Code	Description
1240	<a href="#">Volunteer Assistance</a>
1240	<a href="#">Volunteer Assistance</a>
3311	<a href="#">Bids</a>
3311	<a href="#">Bids</a>
3311.3	<a href="#">Design-Build Contracts</a>
3312	<a href="#">Contracts</a>
3515.6	<a href="#">Criminal Background Checks For Contractors</a>
7000	<a href="#">Concepts And Roles</a>
7110	<a href="#">Facilities Master Plan</a>
7150	<a href="#">Site Selection And Development</a>

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9270	<a href="#">Conflict Of Interest</a>
9270-E(1)	<a href="#">Conflict Of Interest</a>