



## School Building and Construction

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### Policy Statement

The Board recognizes the need for comprehensive short and long range facilities plans that include maintenance and renovation of existing buildings, needs for additional buildings and grounds, and the retirement of existing buildings. All facilities decisions shall be made with the intent of providing students the best environment for learning consistent with responsible stewardship of public funds.

#### Facilities Planning

- The Board shall develop both a short and long term building program to serve as a guide to capital improvements.
- The building program shall be designed to provide adequate facilities for appropriate educational programs for all students residing in the District and shall be modified as needed to conform with changes in the curriculum, availability of construction funds, and changes in enrollment.
- Each school building and site shall provide suitable accommodations to carry out the education program including those for students with disabilities.
- The Superintendent shall annually report to the Board current and projected student population figures, including the number of resident pupils attending non-District schools.
- The Board encourages maximum use of school facilities by groups and organizations sponsoring educational, cultural, civic, political, or recreational activities for the betterment of the community.
- In planning new facilities or renovations of existing facilities, the following shall be included:
  - Coordination of facilities planning with long-range program planning
  - Use of current facilities to achieve economies for the District without damage to education programs
  - Construction methods and designs that will be economical in terms of energy and operating costs
  - Consider environmental impact and renewable energy when selecting materials and designing systems.
  - Accessibility to those with disabilities

	<p><u>Retirement of Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Certain school buildings may no longer be adequate for instructional purposes and should be used to benefit the District or public in other ways. In determining which facilities should be retired for school purposes, the Board shall be guided by the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Educational flexibility</li> <li>▪ Site</li> <li>▪ Cost</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The Board may invite the viewpoints of community residents and staff in making its decision.</li> <li>● If the Board decides to close a school, it shall first consider other uses that the District might make of the building, then it will consider its sale for other community purposes, and finally sale of the building and/or land as commercial/residential property.</li> <li>● The historic value of any building shall be considered by the Board. In certain cases, it may take special action to provide for a building’s preservation.</li> </ul>	
<b>Responsibility</b>	The Superintendent shall be responsible for compliance.	
<b>References</b>	14 Del. C. §§1049(3), 1057, 2301-2305  Related policies: 5008 District Property, 5009 Maintenance  Related documents: Administrative Memorandum “Naming of School Facilities”	
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