

**SITE SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT**

As part of the district's site selection process, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Meet with appropriate local government recreation and park authorities to review all possible methods of coordinating the planning, design, and construction of new school facilities and school sites or major additions to existing school facilities and recreation and park facilities in the community.
2. Notify the appropriate local planning agency and request its report and recommendations regarding the proposed site's conformity with the adopted general plan.
3. Have the site investigated by competent personnel with regard to population trends, transportation, water supply, waste disposal facilities, utilities, traffic hazards, surface drainage conditions and other factors affecting initial and operating costs. This investigation shall include geological and soil engineering studies to preclude locating the school on terrain that may be potentially hazardous.
4. Prepare an environmental impact report or negative declaration which complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and includes findings related to hazardous substances, solid wastes and hazardous air emissions.
5. If the proposed site is within two miles of the center line of an airport runway or proposed runway, notify and follow the recommendations of the State Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.
6. If the proposed site is in an area designated in a city, county, or city and county general plan for agricultural use and zoned for agricultural production, ensure that the Governing Board has determined all of the following:
  - a. That the district has notified and consulted with the city, county, or city and county within which the prospective site is to be located;
  - b. That the Board has evaluated the final site selection based on all factors affecting the public interest and not limited to selection on the basis of the cost of the land;
  - c. That the district shall attempt to minimize any public health and safety issues resulting from the neighboring agricultural uses that may affect students and employees at the site.
7. Ensure that the site meets state standards for school site selection as specified in the 5 CCR 14010, unless the district has satisfactorily demonstrated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that circumstances can be mitigated without compromising a safe and supportive school environment.

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**Environmental Impact Investigation**

The Board supports adherence to the laws of the State of California regarding compliance with the Environmental Quality Act. In this regard, the district, as the lead agency for projects initiated by the district, shall establish guidelines and procedures pursuant to the requirements of the Resources Agency of the State of California. The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shall function as the environmental review officer for the district.

