

Evaluating Existing Buildings

The County Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the adequacy, design, and conditions of existing Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) facilities to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program and provide a healthful and pleasing environment for students and staff, and 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 SCOE's current students and projected enrollments.

Any identified needs for repair, modernization, or construction shall be incorporated into SCOE'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 Superintendent or designee that a SCOE 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. SCOE 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. However, a relocatable building that does not meet the requirements of Education Code 17280 may be used as a school building until September 30, 2015, if all the conditions specified in Education Code 17292 are met and the Superintendent or designee so certifies to the Department of General Services. (Education Code 17291, 17292)

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. SCOE 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, especially:
 - 17071.10-17071.40 Existing school building capacity
 - 17280-17316 Building approvals
 - 17365-17374 Fitness for occupancy
 - 17650-17653 Retrofitting school facilities for energy conservation

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 53097 Compliance with city or county ordinances
- 53097.5 Inspection of schools by city or county

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

- 1859-1859.106 Regulations relating to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998

Policy Cross-Reference:

0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities

3511 Energy and Water Management

3514 Environmental Safety

3515 Campus Security

3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

3517 Facilities Inspection

7110 Facilities Master Plan