

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

Any educational program is influenced greatly by the environment within which it functions. The development of a quality educational program and school facilities which help to implement it must go hand in hand.

The School Board's goal is to provide facilities of the kind and size that will best support and accommodate the division's educational program and the number of students enrolled.

The School Board will constantly strive to provide new and remodeled facilities that will offer the best possible physical environment for learning and teaching.

The Board aims specifically toward:

1. New buildings and renovations that will accommodate and facilitate those new organizational and instructional patterns that support the division's educational philosophy and instructional goals.
2. Meeting all safety requirements through the remodeling of older structures.
3. Providing such building renovations as needed to meet requirements on the availability of public school facilities to disabled persons.
4. Building design and construction that will lend itself to low maintenance costs and the conservation of energy. These two factors will also be given special consideration in the renovation of buildings.
5. Decisions pertaining to educational specifications of new buildings and those undergoing extensive remodeling will be developed and with the viewpoints of teachers, students, and the community considered, to include:
 - All the activities that will take place in the building;
 - The curriculum to be housed in the building;
 - Specific architectural characteristics desired; and
 - The facilities needed, their equipment requirements and their space relationship to other facility elements.

When educational specifications are prepared, an introductory section will also be included which will be devoted to a brief description of the community and the educational philosophy of the division. Consultants may be used in the development of educational specifications when deemed necessary by the superintendent and approved by the School Board.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-79 (3), 22.1-138, 22.1-140, and 22.1-253.13:6.B.