

**Regulation 7111: Evaluating Existing Buildings**

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The Superintendent shall periodically evaluate the adequacy and design of existing District facilities to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program, 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 shall regularly calculate the capacity of existing school buildings to adequately house the District's current students and projected enrollments.

Any identified needs for repair, modernization, or construction shall be incorporated into the District'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 Governing Board that a District building is unsafe for use, the Superintendent shall immediately obtain an estimate of the cost of repairs or reconstruction necessary to bring the building up to legal standards for structural safety. The Governing Board 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

**Energy Efficiency**

When evaluating existing buildings, the Superintendent shall arrange for the pre-audit and post-audit of school buildings by utility firms to the extent that these services are available. Information provided by these services shall be used to determine the cost of retrofitting the buildings and the savings which may result from adding insulation, making design modifications or using other energy-conserving devices. The District 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. (Education Code 17651-17653)

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