

Policy Code: 9010 Site Selection

The board will select future school sites in a manner consistent with facility needs as identified in the Capital Investment Plan. The board will consider options for acquiring property and buildings that are within its legal authority, are economically sound and meet immediate and future needs.

The Board has entered into an agreement for providing coordinated site and facility planning. This agreement requires communication and coordination among all local governmental authorities involved in site selection including Orange County, Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro, Orange County Board of Education, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education. The goals of that agreement are to optimize the collocation and use of schools in a way that builds community, provides public services where they are most needed, assures the compatibility of colocated services, and efficiently uses public resources.

The superintendent will assist the board in site selection. In making recommendations to the board, the superintendent will consider the following factors, along with any other factors the superintendent determines to be appropriate:

- the size of the site needed for current and future needs;
- the cost for acquisition and development;
- suitability for intended uses of the site;
- accessibility for students and the community;
- whether the site meets all legal requirements, including environmental standards;
- partnerships with private and public developers to acquire donated sites; and

The superintendent will investigate and recommend to the board reasonable options for acquiring property or buildings such as purchasing, leasing, or entering into relationships with other governmental agencies or private businesses, as permitted by law. The superintendent is authorized to select and work with consultants in identifying and assessing site options. Any contract for professional services must be (1) reviewed by the board attorney, (2) be approved by the board, unless the board has delegated this authority to the superintendent in policy 6420, Contracts with the Board, and (3) meet any applicable legal and board policy requirements.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C-47](#), [-204](#), [-517](#), [-518](#), [-521](#); [153A-164](#); [160A, art. 2](#), pt. 1; [143C, art. 6A](#)

Cross References: Contracts with the Board (policy 6420), Selection and Use of Architects (policy 9110)

Adopted:

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