

Mendocino Unified School District

New Construction

Evaluating Existing Buildings

The Superintendent or designee 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 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 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. The Board shall establish a system of priorities for the repair, reconstruction or replacement of unsafe school buildings. (Education Code [17367](#))

Energy Efficiency

When evaluating existing buildings, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the

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

Administrative Regulation 7111

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preaudit and postaudit of school buildings by utility companies or independent energy audit 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](#))

Report of Existing Building Capacity

The district shall submit a one-time report of existing school capacity to the State Allocation Board. The district's, or where appropriate the attendance area's, existing school capacity shall be calculated pursuant to the formulas set forth in Education Code [17071.10-17071.40](#) and in 2 CCR [1859-1859.106](#).