

## **Operational Services**

### **Facility Management and Building Programs**

The Superintendent shall manage the District's facilities and grounds as well as facility construction and building programs in accordance with the law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable Board policies. The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with and facilitate: (1) inspections of schools by the Regional Superintendent and State Fire Marshall or designee, and (2) review of plans and specifications for future construction or alterations of a school if requested by the relevant municipality, county (if applicable), or fire protection district.

#### **Standards for Managing Buildings and Grounds**

All District buildings and grounds shall be adequately maintained in order to provide an appropriate, safe, and energy efficient physical environment for learning and teaching. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports on maintenance data and projected maintenance needs that include cost analysis. Prior School Board approval is needed for all renovations or permanent alterations to buildings or grounds when the total cost will exceed \$25,000, including the cost equivalent of staff time. This policy is not intended to discourage efforts to improve the appearance of buildings or grounds that are consistent with the designated use of those buildings and grounds.

#### **Standards for Green Cleaning**

For each District school with 50 or more students, the Superintendent or designee shall establish and supervise a green cleaning program that complies with the guidelines established by the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council.

#### **Standards for Facility Construction and Building Programs**

As appropriate, the School Board will authorize the production of a comprehensive study to determine the need for facility construction and expansion. On an annual basis, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with projected facility needs, enrollment trends, and other data impacting facility use. School Board approval is needed for all new facility construction and expansion.

When making decisions pertaining to design and construction of school facilities, the School Board will confer with members of the staff and community, the Illinois State Board of Education, and educational and architectural consultants as it deems appropriate. The Board's facility goals are to:

1. Integrate facilities planning with other aspects of planning and goal-setting.

2. Base educational specifications for school buildings on identifiable student needs.
3. Design buildings for sufficient flexibility to permit new or modified programs.
4. Design buildings for maximum potential for community use.
5. Meet or exceed all safety requirements.
6. Meet requirements on the accessibility of school facilities to disabled persons as specified in State or Federal Law.
7. Provide for low maintenance costs, energy efficiency, and minimal environmental impact.

### Naming Buildings and Facilities

Recognizing that the name for a school building, facility, or ground or field reflects on its public image, the Board's primary consideration will be to select a name that enhances the credibility and stature of the school or facility. Any request to name or rename an existing facility should be submitted to the School Board. When a facility is to be named or renamed, the Board President will refer the request to the Policy Committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale, to the Board. The Board will make the final selection no sooner than one (1) year after receiving the initial request.

LEGAL REF: 42 U.S.C. 121 *et seq.*

20 ILCS 3130/, Green Buildings Act.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.12, 5/10-20.49, 5/10-22.36, 5/17-2.11, 140/, and 230/.

410 ILCS 25/, Environmental Barriers Act.

820 ILCS 130/, Prevailing Wage Act.

23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 151, School Construction Program; Part 180, Health/  
Life Safety Code for Public Schools; and Part 2800, Green Cleaning for  
Elementary and Secondary Schools.

71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400, Illinois Accessibility Code.

CROSS REF: 2:150 (Committees), 2:170 (Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and  
Land Surveying Services), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts)  
8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

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