

REVISION

Policy 7140

New Construction

Construction

In order to ensure safe construction and to protect the investment of public funds, the Board of Education, consistent with state law, requires that a licensed and certified architect or structural engineer be employed to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities. Instead of requiring bids for these services, the Board shall pay fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. Fees shall be a determining consideration to the extent required by state law.

Selection of Architects

1. There will be two processes by which architectural firms can be recommended for Board assignment to district projects requiring such services: an appointed committee process; or a staff committee process. The appropriate process to be followed will be determined by the Superintendent on the basis of the size and type of project.
2. Periodically the Board shall establish, or re-establish, an "approved list" of two to five architectural firms. The firms shall be approved by the Board after recommendation by an appointed committee.
3. Unassigned major new construction, modernization, and other significant projects will be assigned by the Governing Board to one or more selected architectural firms on the ~~D~~district's "approved list," or to one or more firms recommended as a result of an appointed committee selection process specific to the project.
4. Unassigned minor projects will be assigned to architectural firms on the ~~D~~district's "approved list," or to firms recommended as a result of a staff committee selection process.
5. Assignment of all projects will be based on the type of project and the strengths and qualifications of the architectural firm(s). Selection of architectural firms for assignment to projects shall be on the basis of the criteria and procedures approved by the Board of Education.

Legal References: EDUCATION CODE
39140-39159 Approvals
39226 Limitation on liability of Board of Education
SB 50
GOVERNMENT CODE
4525-45529.5 Professional services contracts
14837 Definition of small business
87100 Public officials, financial interest

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