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# Policy

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ALTERATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

The Elsinboro Township Board of Education recognizes the importance of planning, developing, and maintaining a physical plant appropriate to the personal and educational needs of the students and the educational program needs of the district and schools.

It is the board's intention to ensure that:

1. Any new school facilities shall be planned, pursuant to law and regulations and shall be prepared by a registered architect or professional engineer to reflect current research and recommendations on the relationship of school design and size of educational program to a positive learning environment;
2. The school building and site shall provide, pursuant to law and regulation, suitable accommodations to carry out the educational program of the school including provision for the disabled;
3. The school building shall be safe, clean, attractive, and in good repair.

Any changes to the facilities relative to the allocation of space to accommodate classroom, administrative, recreational, or support services shall be submitted to and approved by the board before any changes in allocation are undertaken.

Educational specifications shall be prepared in writing under the direction of the superintendent and approved by the board of education.

The submission of schematic through final plans for school facilities shall be to the Department of Education Office of School Facility Projects in accordance with law.

Existing facilities of the school district shall be evaluated annually for safety and structural soundness as required by law, and for suitability to the goals and objectives of the educational program.

The superintendent shall develop and implement a maintenance program that includes the annual inspection of buildings to ensure adherence to health and safety laws, a regular summer program of facilities repair and conditioning, the maintenance of a critical spare parts inventory, an equipment replacement program, and a long-range program of building modernization. Any substandard classrooms shall be upgraded in accordance with law and rules of the State Board of Education, or eliminated.

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Long-Range Facilities Planning, Planning, Facilities

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15 Specifications and plans

 through -48 et al.

 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A‑16 Preparation and approval of plans and specifications for public schoolhouses

 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A‑17 Facilities for handicapped persons

 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-20 American goods and products to be used where possible

 N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1 et seq. Educational Facilities

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1330 Use of school facilities

 \*7110 Long-range facilities plan

 \*7115 Developing educational specifications

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.