

FACILITIES PLANNING

Code **FB** Issued **PROPOSED**

The board may initiate long-range needs determination surveys on the recommendation of the superintendent or by the board's own appreciation of need.

The board will determine needs based upon the following criteria:

- the extent of use of existing facilities
- the students to be accommodated at a particular time and projected into the future
- the educational goals of the district
- the extent of nonschool or shared use of the facilities
- the demographic projections for birth rates, population growth, and economic conditions

The board directs the superintendent to establish and maintain a facilities master planning system using a minimum future focus of five years. The master plan shall:

- Be a living document, monitored and updated at least biennially, and accessed by the School Board and local and state government agencies as required.
- Guide and control the authorization and approval of specific planning actions, projects development and capital and certain operational expenditures.
- Meet all State Department of Education requirements for long range planning documentation
- Support, and be governed by, the overall strategic plan of Rock Hill Schools
- Be developed by a permanent Facilities Master Planning Team, comprised of school administrators, teachers, and parents; representatives of local government and the community; district and facilities staff.

The superintendent, with the full participation of the professional staff, will develop educational specifications for new school facilities or renovations of existing ones. The superintendent may use consultants when he/she deems it necessary.

Additionally, the board may employ the assistance of professional persons to help the district conduct a needs determination survey. The administration and/or specialist will present findings to the board for action.

~~Beyond the master planning team,~~ The board may seek input from the community **at large** in determining long-range needs.

All construction, improvement, and renovation of district property will comply with standards and specifications set forth in the South Carolina Department of Education's *South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide*.

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Legal References:

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A. S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-23-210 - Construction, improvement, and renovation of public schools.