

NEW SCHOOL SITE SELECTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY BY VIRTUE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND FLORIDA STATUTES HAS THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE, CONTROL AND SUPERVISE ALL FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MAY EXERCISE ANY POWER EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION OR GENERAL LAW (F.S. ~~230.03~~ 1001.32). THESE POWERS INCLUDE APPROVING PLANS FOR LOCATING, PLANNING, CONSTRUCTING, SANITATING, INSURING, MAINTAINING, PROTECTING, AND CONDEMNING SCHOOL PROPERTY (F. S. ~~230.23(9)~~ 1001.42(9)). THE LOCATION OF SCHOOLS AND FUTURE SCHOOL SITES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND WITH THE RULES LISTED BELOW. CONCURRENT WITH DECISIONS TO PROPOSE AND/OR BUILD ADDITIONAL NEW SCHOOLS AND PRIORITIZE SUCH SCHOOLS ON THE BASIS OF CRITERIA IN THIS POLICY, THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ANALYZE AND CONSIDER THE NEED AND OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE, RENOVATE AND EXPAND EXISTING SCHOOLS TO ASSURE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR QUALITY EDUCATION AND FULL CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRIOR TO MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND FINAL ACTION. THE ADHERENCE TO THIS PROVISION IN NO WAY IS INTENDED TO AVOID THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS WHEN SUCH UPGRADING, RENOVATING AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING SCHOOLS WOULD BE INADEQUATE TO MEET OVERCROWDING PRESSURES AND EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES THAT MAY BE BETTER MET BY CONSTRUCTING AND/OR REPLACEMENT SCHOOLS. *

RULES:

New schools and special centers shall be located so as to serve the intended student population in accordance with the following:

1. Proposed new schools will be prioritized based upon student need (current and projected student growth) and remedies needed to equalize facilities.
2. After the need for a new or replacement school or center has been established, based upon current and projected student growth or other needs, and any existing approved master plan, potential sites for the facility will be identified. An inventory of the vacant sites which meet the size and configuration requirements will be compiled.
3. The School District, whenever possible, will strive to locate new schools and to purchase school sites in areas which offer, because of their location, the opportunity to achieve student integration.
4. Discussions will be held by staff with appropriate local government and representatives from the affected innovation zone(s) (which includes parents and other community members) to coordinate planning, the provision of services, and access to the potential sites.

Appropriate site(s) will be reviewed by the Superintendent's Site Review Committee. The Superintendent will appoint the Site Review Committee members which will consist of: Fifteen (15) School District Staff Members; Four (4) Community Representatives; One (1) South Florida Regional Planning Council Representative; One (1) Broward County Representative; One (1) Municipal Representative appointed by the municipalities; and at least One (1) Floating Member designated by the City Manager or Administrator of the affected local governments in which the new school facility may be located.

6. All School Sites will be reviewed by the Superintendent's Site Review Committee prior to being recommended for purchase. After review by the Superintendent's Site Review Committee, the Superintendent shall recommend a site to the School Board.

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New School: One that has never existed before.

Replacement School: New physical plant for a school that presently exists.