FACILITIES
Facilities Design and Construction

School Design

This policy supersedes Policy 8230.6.

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedure to be followed for school design.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES SINCE LAST PUBLICATION

- A Philosophy has been added.
- Organizational changes have been reflected.

III. PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax County School Board recognizes quality school facility design that supports the delivery of the curriculum while serving a larger role within the community. The design will seek responsiveness to both budgetary and sustainability goals.

IV. DESIGN

Schools shall be designed and constructed to support the instructional program approved by the School Board. School buildings shall be designed by registered architects according to approved educational specifications. Architects shall be encouraged to develop attractive and functional environments reflecting architectural excellence within budgeted amounts and shall obtain the views of the local PTA and interested citizens.

V. CONCEPTUAL AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Conceptual and preliminary design drawings, specifications, and cost estimates shall be prepared and presented to the Chief of Facilities Services and Capital Programs for review and approval.

VI. DESIGN SUBMITTALS AND APPROVALS

Appropriate design submittals shall be made and approvals obtained in accordance with the regulations of the Code of the County of Fairfax. The Division Superintendent's approval, an architect's or engineer's statement that the plans and specifications comply with the Virginia Board of Education requirements and the uniform statewide building code, and a copy of the plans and specifications as built shall be submitted to the state superintendent of public instruction.

VII. COSTING

Periodic cost estimates shall be made by the architect or engineer and/or the school construction staff to determine the status of projected construction costs relative to budget allocations.

Legal reference: Code of Virginia, section 22.1-140

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