Policy

## FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GOALS/ PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Purpose: To establish the board's vision for development of district facilities.

A quality educational program is controlled to a great extent by the environment within which it functions. The development of a quality educational program and school buildings which facilitate the implementation of the program go hand in hand.

It is the intent of the board that quality facilities are provided to ensure an attractive, clean, comfortable and safe atmosphere for student learning. These facilities will include the following.

- buildings that are functional and solidly constructed
- new buildings and renovations that are appropriate to the community and to existing buildings
- quality engineering services to ensure long-term functional durability of mechanical and electrical systems
- design for long-range economy of operation and energy conservation
- features to simplify long-term maintenance and upkeep
- meeting all safety code requirements through the remodeling of older structures
- adequate school space to accommodate future improvements in educational programs and services

The board will authorize the construction of a sufficient number of school buildings to meet the demands of present and future student enrollments. The board seeks to provide the highest type of educational environment for students at the lowest possible expenditure of public funds.

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 and Planning and Construction Guide*.

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Legal references:

- A. S. C. Code of laws, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 59-23-210 Construction, improvement and renovation of public schools; compliance with the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide; committee members; submission of plans.