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Major ConstructionFacilities - Purpose

The Norfolk Public Schools Board of Education intends to provide proper school facilities. Decisions regarding such facilities will be guided by the following principles:

1. Facilities will be constructed to a systematic multi-year plan developed to support the district's educational programs.
2. Facilities will be designed to satisfy instructional goals.
3. Facilities will be constructed for long-term occupancy and low maintenance costs.
4. Facilities will be designed with community use in mind.
5. Facilities will be designed in accordance with contemporary engineering technology and architectural practice.

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Facilities - Planning

The purpose of planning is to make the best possible provisions for the educational program. Decisions regarding planning and specifics for any individual building plan will start with program considerations and be adjusted as educational programs change.

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Major ConstructionFacilities - Guidelines for Building New Schools or Major Remodeling of Existing Schools

Educational specifications including program and space requirements are to be developed by committees of, with input from, teachers, patrons and administrators who meet with architects and engineers. Upon completion, the specifications and schematic building plans shall be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Generally, the content of a set of educational specifications should include all or part of the following items:

Community and Norfolk Public School District characteristics:

- 1) The plan or organization and expected enrollment of the school,
- 2) The construction plan for this facility,
- 3) The special services to be provided,
- 4) The special provisions needed for community use,
- 5) The design characteristics important to the functional layout of the structure.

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Major ConstructionFacilities – Major Remodeling of Existing Schools

A plan for future building modifications shall be maintained and continuously updated for inclusion in planning for construction. These planning elements shall be followed:

1. The Board of Education establishes priorities when considering remodeling project needs, which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Security
 - b. Correction of safety and health deficiencies
 - c. Housing of students
 - d. Program requirements, including outdoor space
 - e. Integrity of current Norfolk Public Schools' buildings
 - f. Repair/renovation of ancillary facilities
 - g. Parking
2. Superintendent or designee requests building modifications based on priorities.
3. Superintendent or designee submits requests for building modifications to the Board on an as needed basis.

The safety and health of students and staff will be considered during the construction process.

Minor remodeling may follow the same procedures as major construction but there are also alternate provisions for that work which can be done without architectural services.

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Facilities - Selection of Architect/Engineer

Architects and/or Engineers will be selected based on the recommendations of the Superintendent or designee. The selection will be approved by the Board of Education.

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Facilities - Financing of Construction - Building Fund

The Norfolk Public Schools Board of Education is authorized under state statutes to establish a special building fund for the purpose of acquiring sites for school buildings or purchasing existing buildings for use as school buildings and the erection, alteration, equipping and furnishing of school buildings and additions to school buildings.

Proceeds from the sale of real property will be placed in the building fund.

Interest accumulation from the current building fund balance shall remain in the fund.

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Facilities - Bids and Contracts

All contracts for work related to building construction, remodeling or repair or site improvement over \$108,999 or such sum as adjusted pursuant to §73-106, will be bid in accordance with state statutes. All other contracts will be handled under current district policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 73-101 to 73-106

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Facilities - Awarding Contracts

The Superintendent or designee shall make final recommendations to the Board of Education concerning awarding of contracts.

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Major ConstructionFacilities - Change Orders

1. Change order requests will be initiated by the architect/engineer/owner prior to the implementation of the change contemplated.
2. Change order requests will be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent or designee.
3. When approved, copies of change orders will be distributed to the Superintendent or designee, the contractor, and the architect.
4. All change orders will be reported as part of the monthly claims report. Significant Change Orders will be discussed by the Finance and Facilities Committee, and all Change Orders in excess of \$108,999 will require Board approval.

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