

BUILDINGS AND SITES

Selection

Architectural firms for specific construction projects shall be reviewed by the Board and the Superintendent of Schools.

Completion of the architect selection process shall be attained as early as possible so that the architect's services may be used in the site selection and public relations aspects of the program.

Although design competition may be used in the selection of architects, the inherent dangers of this practice result in favoring selection through general qualifications procedures such as interview, job visitation, credential check, and so forth.

The guidelines established for architect selection in this manner shall be as follows:

1. The architect must possess the school design experience necessary for the work.
2. He must have the needed technical knowledge to control the design of the structure in order to secure the best results without waste of space or money.
3. He must have the executive or business ability to compel the proper performance of contracts.
4. In special architectural situations, such as facilities for the handicapped, etc., he must have successfully done work of like character from which his ability may be inferred.
5. Honesty, integrity, and fiscal responsibility are considered essential to the prudent use of school bond funds.
6. He must have demonstrated the design ability (creativity) for the planning of a good school and the creation of aesthetic qualities.
7. He must have the staff necessary for the task, and this staff must be organized to provide adequate supervision and perform the other functions of an architect in a satisfactory manner.
8. He must have the ability and temperament to work cooperatively with others in the building program.

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