

# Santa Barbara Unified School District Board Policy

BP 7140

## Facilities

### ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

In order to ensure safe construction and protect the investment of public funds, the Governing Board requires that a licensed and certified architect or structural engineer be employed to design and supervise the construction of district schools and other facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall devise a competitive process for the selection of architects and structural engineers that is based on demonstrated competence and on the professional qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the services required. For each project, he/she shall recommend specific architectural and engineering firms to the Board. The Board shall pay fair and reasonable amounts warranted by the provider's qualifications and competence. The Board need not select the lowest responsible bidder.

(cf. 3311 - Bids)

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

17070.50      *Conditions for apportionment*

17280-17316      *Approvals, especially:*

17302      *Persons qualified to prepare plans, specifications and estimates and supervise construction*

17316      *Contract provision re school district property*

17371      *Limitation on liability of governing board*

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

4525-4529.5      *Contracts with private architects, engineering, land surveying, and construction project management firms*

14837      *Definition of small business*

87100      *Public officials; financial interest*

##### PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

20111      *School district contracts*

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