

New Construction

Site Selection

School sites should be located as close as possible to the center of attendance areas schools will serve and located to facilitate joint use of sites and adjacent parks, playgrounds, and open space by the school and town recreation.

In recommending sites for school facilities, the Orange Board of Education will consider the4 following factors:

Size

Location

Drainage and soil conditions

Topography and elevation

Accessibility

Cost (including development costs)

This should be done in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

Prior to the approval plan for any new construction, extension or replacement of a school facility, the town (or regional board of education) and the building committee, shall provide for a Phase I environmental site assessment in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Materials Standard #1527, Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process, or similar subsequent standards.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-282](#) School building projects.

[10-291](#) Approval of plans and site. Expense limit.

[10-292](#) Review of final plans by Commissioner of Education.
Exceptions; role of local officials

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