

EVALUATION OF PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL SITE

Regardless of the source of funds, new school facilities shall not be constructed on any new site until the site has been submitted to and approved by the Mississippi State Board of Education. School sites will be approved according to the criteria established by the Mississippi State Board of Education.

One of the most important steps in the new building program is the selection of an adequate site. The site should be convenient to streets and roads and should be planned so as to avoid traffic hazards. It is recommended that an elementary school should have 5 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. A high school site should have at least 15 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. The following minimum requirements must be met or exceptions noted and approved:

1. The site serves an area with enough children (present and future) to warrant its existence as a school center.
2. The site is located in a reasonable proximity to the present and future school population.
3. The site environment is free of the odors, dust, dirt, noise and smoke that are usually associated with factories, stockyards, railroads, mills, agricultural chemical aerial spraying, etc. The site is free of hazardous waste.
4. Public utilities such as electric power, water, sewerage, telephone, fire protection and gas service are available to the site.
5. The size of the site is sufficient to provide adequately for the educational program of both the present and the anticipated future.
6. The site grounds are at sufficient elevation to prevent flooding or standing water.
7. The sub-soil conditions are such that foundations, footings, athletic fields and lagoons can be built.
8. The site can be purchased at a fair market price. Copies of two certified appraisals of the land must be attached whenever the purchase price is greater than \$50,000.00. Please refer to Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-301(aa).
9. A survey plat of the property is provided with this application.
10. The proposed new school site is plotted on the school district map and is provided with this application.
11. The site is accessible by both vehicles and pedestrians.

Exceptions to the above minimum requirements must be noted and explained in detail.

Additional information for proposed new school site:

1. Physical location of the proposed site _____

2. Grades to be housed/served _____

3. Student enrollment count _____

4. Is the proposed new site located on 16th section land owned by the school district?

Yes No

If yes, how many acres are available? _____Acres

If no, please describe the financing of the site purchase or explain how the land was acquired and the number of acres available for the proposed school site.

(attach documentation)

5. Will the school district have fee simple title?

- Yes No

6. Is there organized opposition to the proposed site based on, but not limited to, the location of the school, acquisition of the land, safety issues, and/or community concerns?

- Yes No

If yes, please explain.

7. Please provide justification of the need for the proposed school site.

We, the President of the Board of Education/Trustees and the Superintendent of the _____ School District hereby certify to the Mississippi State Board of Education that this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site for the construction of

_____ School location at _____
(street or rural route, city)

meets the minimum requirements previously stated or exceptions have been properly noted. Further, this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site has been duly adopted and approved by the Board of Education/Trustees of the _____

School District as evidenced by action taken by the Board of Education/Trustees of the _____ School District at an official board meeting held on the

_____ Day of _____, _____.

President

Superintendent

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_____ (Sign)

_____ (Sign)

_____ (Date)

_____ (Date)

School Board Attorney

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_____ (Sign)

_____ (Date)

(SEAL)

Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this

the day of _____, _____.