

BP 7000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES

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Since school construction is costly, and buildings become a permanent part of the community to be used by large numbers of people, the School Board and the district administration must take great care to ensure that the facilities fully support the intended educational and community programs, will be appropriately maintained, may be altered conveniently and inexpensively to meet future educational and community needs, provide a healthful environment, and fit harmoniously and attractively into the community.

(cf. [1330](#) - *Use of School Facilities*)

Role of the School Board

The School Board:

1. Recommends to the borough assembly, city council, or Department of Education and Early Development what buildings shall be built, when and where.
2. Approves design criteria for school facilities.
3. Seeks adequate financing for school facilities.
4. Approves the selection of artists for art works in new facilities, if required or desired.
5. Awards contracts to responsible bidders in the best interests of the district.

Role of the Superintendent or designee

The Superintendent or designee:

1. Directs the planning of all educational features of new buildings or alterations of old buildings.
2. Maintains overall responsibility for the preparation of the educational specifications and capital improvement plans for school facilities.
3. Acts as authorized agent of the district in all official governmental interactions related to school facilities.
4. Recommends artists for art work in new facilities.
5. Oversees the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction.

(cf. [3311](#) - *Bids*)

(cf. [3312](#) - *Contracts*)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.07.020](#) *Duties of the department*

[14.08.101](#) *Powers (regional school board)*

[14.11.011](#) *Grant applications*

[14.14.060](#) *Relationship between borough school district and borough*

[14.14.065](#) *Relationship between city school district and city*

[35.15.010](#) - [35.15.120](#) *Construction procedures*

[35.27.020](#) *Art requirements for public buildings and facilities*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 31.010](#) - [4 AAC 31.090](#) *School facility planning and construction*

[4 AAC 31.900](#) *Definitions*

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Note: Pursuant to [14.11.020](#), borough assemblies or city councils and regional school boards may by resolution request responsibility from the State Department of Education and Early Development for the planning, design, and construction of school facilities funded by state grant funds. [A.S. 35.15.080](#) provides for the assumption of responsibilities for state public works projects subject to [AS 35.15.010](#). Pursuant to [14.14.060](#) and [14.14.065](#), borough assemblies and city councils may agree to a division of duties with the school board related to the design, maintenance, and construction of facilities. Assemblies and councils must consider the recommendations of the school board. The following sample language should be revised or deleted to reflect district responsibilities and needs.