

P10-08-005 School Site Specifications

The following criteria shall be used in evaluating and selecting future school sites:

1. The site should be large enough to accommodate adequately the necessary buildings and to provide ample space for outdoor instruction and recreation, for parking, and for future expansion of buildings and play area.
2. The site should be readily accessible to children who will attend the school and also the general public for community use.
3. The site should be so located that water, sewers, electricity, and other utilities can be provided at reasonable cost.
4. The site should be so located that vehicular traffic can flow freely to and from it while, at the same time, being removed from highly traveled roads and dangerous intersections.
5. The site should have an elevation and contour which will ensure good drainage and a type of subsoil which provides a good base for building footings and foundations and which can be developed at reasonable cost.
6. The site should be selected with due regard to its proximity to public recreational, educational and cultural facilities such as parks, museums and libraries.
7. The site should be attractive, lend itself readily to landscaping and provide a pleasing and beautiful natural environment.
8. The site should be purchased before the need becomes critical.

Reference: ~~Guide for Planning School Plants, National Council on Schoolhouse Construction.~~

[Guidelines for School Facilities In Virginia's Public Schools](#) Prepared by the Virginia Department of Education, Office of Support Services