
The Board of Education is authorized to make comprehensive studies to determine the need and location of public school buildings, to determine the safety and educational requirements of school buildings, and to plan the methods of financing the cost of constructing and equipping such buildings. The construction of all school buildings must be approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Education and must be according to the plans furnished by the architect to the State Board of Education.

The Board of Education is required to have a comprehensive, updated facility inventory to qualify for state capital outlay funds. The County Board of Education also must have a local facilities plan stating all new facilities needed, those scheduled to be abandoned, and those requiring renovation within the next five years. At least once every five years, the State Board of Education will conduct a comprehensive facilities survey. All members of the survey team must be approved by the local School board. The Board of Education must submit a list of priorities for construction and renovation to the State Board of Education in order to be eligible for state capital outlay funds. The State Board may approve or reject the survey team's findings. The Board of Education also has the right to appeal the team's findings before the State Board.

The cost of school facilities is shared between state and local sources in accordance with a formula prescribed in State law. The Board of Education earns an annual entitlement for capital facility improvement, but its final allotment each year is based upon the level of total State entitlement which is designated through the General Appropriations Act.

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Cherokee County Board of Education