

## **Site Acquisition**

It is the policy of the Edmonds School District Board of Directors, in keeping with all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, codes and laws, for the Board of Directors to acquire real property as deemed necessary to accomplish district objectives.

The district will attempt to acquire building sites substantially in advance of the actual construction of facilities in order to minimize delay in construction projects and to realize financial savings to the district. The board will periodically review its inventory of land in light of growth trends in the district and local land use restrictions, and make such transactions as it determines will best meet the future needs of the district.

In acquiring a new site, the board will always first attempt to reach settlement with the owner through negotiations. Eminent domain proceedings will be commenced at the outset of the decision to purchase a particular site to avoid delay in the event of a negotiations breakdown, but the district will resort to condemnation only when it is obvious that negotiations will not lead to an amicable settlement.

The board will acquire school sites or facilities only when it clearly contemplates using the property for school purposes.

### **Legal References**

Chapter 8.16 RCW Eminent domain by school districts  
RCW 28A.335.090 Conveyance and acquisition of property — Management — Appraisal  
RCW 28A.335.130 Real property — Sale — Use of proceeds  
Chapter 36.70A RCW Growth Management Act  
RCW 74.46.020 Definitions

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