

## SUPPORT STANDARDS

**Guiding Principle:** The school plant (consisting of site, buildings, equipment, and services) is an important factor in the functioning of the educational program. The school plant serves as a vehicle for the implementation of the school mission. The school plant should provide for a variety of instructional activities and programs and for the health and safety of **ALL** persons. The school plant should incorporate aesthetic features that contribute to a positive educational atmosphere while providing for needed flexibility. In addition to an appropriate facility, sufficient fiscal resources must be available, accounted for and effectively used in order for any school to accomplish its mission and expectations for student learning.

### 7. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

Rating	Indicator	Explanation of Indicator
3.4	7.1	The school site and plant support and enhance all aspects of the educational program and the support services for student learning.
3.6	7.2	The physical plant and facilities meet all applicable federal and state laws and are in compliance with local fire, health, and safety regulations.
3.4	7.3	Equipment is adequate, properly maintained, catalogued, and replaced when appropriate.
3.5	7.4	A planned and adequately funded program of building and site management ensures the appropriate maintenance, repair and cleanliness of the school plant.
3.7	7.5	There is ongoing planning to address future programs, enrollment changes, staffing, facility, and technology needs as well as capital improvements.
3.5	7.6	Faculty and building administrators have active involvement in the budgetary process, including its development and implementation, where applicable.
3.3	7.7	The school has financial resources to provide services to students to meet the stated purposes of the school and to provide the educational program to the student.
3.6	7.8	Proper budgetary procedures and generally accepted accounting principles are followed for all school funds.
3.3	7.9	The school's accounts are independently audited annually.
3.5	7.10	The total cost for a course of instruction, including all textbooks, materials, and instructional services, is made known to students at the time of their application and/or registration.
3.7	7.11	Terms of tuition and/or fees payment are clearly spelled out in the application, where applicable.
3.8	7.12	Any advertising and promotional literature is completely truthful and ethical.
3.9	7.13	Any advertising and promotional literature clearly states the purpose of the school's program of instruction.
3.9	7.14	None of the school's advertising and promotional literature is offensive or negative towards other schools or educational agencies.
3.8	7.15	Tuition collection procedures shall be in keeping with sound and ethical business practices and protect the financial interest of the school, where applicable.
3.8	7.16	The administration has the authority to administer its discretionary budget, where applicable.

**Average for Facilities and Finance: 3.60**