

MSBA Building Process

Steps primarily for:



<https://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building>

1. Eligibility Period (270 Days) Begins **Jul 1, 2025**

- MSBA verifies enrollment projections, local funding capabilities, and educational needs.
- The town must complete initial requirements, including forming a School Building Committee.
- Ipswich must secure local authorization and funding for a feasibility study.

2. Feasibility Study (12-24 Months)

- The town selects an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and a Designer.
- A detailed study is conducted to assess the site, educational needs, and costs.
- The study concludes with the selection of a preferred design solution.

3. Schematic Design (6-12 Months)

- Detailed architectural plans and cost estimates are developed.
- The town secures final funding approval for the project.
- The MSBA Board votes on whether to approve funding.

4. Detailed Design (12-18 Months)

- Construction documents and specifications are created.
- The project goes out to bid for contractors.

5. Construction (24-36 Months)

- Construction gets underway.
- The town manages schedules, budgets, and quality control with periodic MSBA oversight.

6. Closeout (6-12 Months)

- Final reviews, audits, and reimbursements from the MSBA.
- Transition into the new school.