

~~ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION~~
~~RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING~~
~~THE MINIMUM SCHOOLHOUSE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS~~

~~1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY~~

- ~~1.01 These regulations shall be known as Arkansas Department of Education Regulations governing Minimum Schoolhouse Construction Standards.~~
- ~~1.02 These regulations are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under Arkansas Code Annotated §6-20-1401, 1406 and 1407.~~

~~2.00 PURPOSE~~

- ~~2.01 It is the purpose of these regulations to establish reasonable minimum standards for schoolhouse construction, and the standards should be revised from time to time as educational problems and methods of procedure develop and change.~~

~~3.00 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS~~

- ~~3.01 ADE: Arkansas Department of Education~~
- ~~3.02 ADH: Arkansas Department of Health~~
- ~~3.03 ASBS: Arkansas State Building Services~~
- ~~3.04 Shall: The use of the word "shall" indicates that a provision is mandatory.~~
- ~~3.05 Should: The use of the word "should" indicates that a provision is recommended, but is not mandatory.~~

~~4.00 APPLICATION~~

- ~~4.01 These regulations will apply to all new construction, additions to, and the establishment of classroom space in existing school facilities, in which the actual work commences after the regulations' effective date. (Projects that commence after the effective date of these regulations, but were designed prior to the effective date, must comply with these minimum standards. This may require revision of the preliminary construction plans.) These minimum size requirements will apply to all of the educational spaces listed in Section 7.01 that local school districts choose to construct.~~

5.00 SCHOOL SITE SELECTION

- ~~5.01 Any application for approval of a school facility must be accompanied by a written evaluation describing the effect of the placement of the facility at the particular site selected will have upon (a) the school district's ability to establish and/or maintain an acceptable racial balance in schools within the district, and (b) the ability of surrounding districts to maintain an acceptable racial balance. Evaluation forms, which must be completed on each project, are available at the ADE Office of School Plant Service.~~
- ~~5.02 No application of approval of a school facility shall be approved until the school site has been approved by the ADE.~~

6.00 APPROVAL PROCEDURES

- ~~6.01 A copy of the preliminary floor plans bearing the applicable architect's Arkansas seal, the engineer's Arkansas seal, and the engineer's signature and reference to the applicable Seismic Zone as required by A.C.A. 12-80-101 thru 106 shall be submitted to the ADE's School Plant Service for review and approval.~~
- ~~6.02 A copy of the preliminary construction plans shall also be submitted to the ADH, and the State Fire Marshal's offices for their review and approval. The ADH approves plumbing and gas plans and the State Fire Marshal approves fire prevention plans in accordance with the applicable codes.~~
- ~~6.03 1) A copy of final construction documents shall be submitted to ASBS for review of compliance with the Arkansas Adopted Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG—Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines)~~
- ~~2) All review comments received from ASBS shall be in writing.~~
- ~~3) Corrected construction documents shall be received and approved by ASBS.~~
- ~~4) No project shall be released for bidding or construction until the requirements of this section are met.~~
- ~~6.04 A copy of final approved plans of all new schoolhouse or additions shall be filed with the ADE's School Plant Service before construction commences.~~

7.00 MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL SPACE STANDARDS

- ~~7.01 Arkansas Educational Space Standards~~

	Minimum Standard
<u>Educational Space</u>	<u>Total Net Area</u> <u>In Square Feet</u>
Instructional Classrooms	750
— (includes all grade levels and disciplines	
— in general education, all programs in workforce	
— education and self-contained special education	
— classrooms)	
Supplemental Instructional Classrooms	375
— (includes all compensatory education programs,	
— speech therapy, special education resource rooms	
— and gifted education resource rooms)	
Health Room	
Nurse's station	150
Clinic (includes toilet and shower facility)	400
K-12 Guidance	
— (includes area for private counseling)	240
K-12 Media Center	1500
— Reading, Listening and Viewing Area	
Laboratories	
— Agriculture	2800
— Business Education	1200
— Home Economics	
— one teacher department (600 sq.ft. for	2400
— each additional teacher)	
Industrial Technology	
— Work Area	1200
— Studio Area	220
Medical Professions Education	1000
Science	
— Biology (grades 10-12)	1200
— Multi-purpose (grades 7-9)	900
— Multi-purpose (grades 10-12)	1400

~~Lecture with separate laboratory
(Aggregate total of 1500 sq.ft.)~~

Music

Elementary Music Rooms	1050
Secondary Vocal Music Room	1050
Secondary Band Rehearsal Room	1600