

1 Construction and Repairs

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3 Before commencing new school construction or repairs, the District shall submit plans for
4 construction of a new school or an addition to or an alteration of an existing school to DPHHS or
5 the local health authority for review and approval. Plans shall include the following where
6 applicable:

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8 (a) Location and detail of classrooms used for science or science laboratories, consumer
9 science, art classrooms, art supply rooms, mechanic/carpentry, and industrial arts,
10 including location and ventilation detail of lockable storage area of chemicals and
11 other hazardous products;
- 12 (b) Location and detail of janitorial facilities;
- 13 (c) Specifications for the sewage treatment and disposal system to serve the school unless
14 previously approved;
- 15 (d) Specifications for the water supply to serve the school unless previously approved;
- 16 (e) Locations for all emergency eyewash and shower stations, which shall meet the
17 American National Standard for Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment;
- 18 (f) Location and detail of laundry facilities including description of equipment and a
19 flow chart indicating the route of laundry through sorting, washing, drying, ironing,
20 folding, and storage;
- 21 (g) Specifications for the final finishes of floors, walls, and ceilings in toilet, locker, and
22 shower rooms, laundries, and janitorial closets;
- 23 (h) Statement from the designer of the facilities that lighting capable of meeting the
24 minimum requirements of ARM 37.111.830 will be provided;
- 25 (i) Location and detail of the solid waste storage facilities;
- 26 (j) Name of DEQ-approved sanitary landfill which will receive solid waste from the
27 school;
- 28 (k) Specifications for a food service to serve the school unless the food service has been
29 previously approved by the DPHHS and/or local health authority;
- 30 (l) Any other information requested by the DPHHS or local health authority relating to
31 the health, sanitation, safety, and physical well-being of the teachers, staff, and
32 students;
- 33 (m) Specifications for any new or modified playground equipment, which shall comply
34 with the standards of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2010
35 Handbook for Public Playground Safety and the requirements of the 2010 ADA
36 Standards for Accessible Design;
- 37 (n) Specifications for any new or modified air intakes;
- 38 (o) Specifications for any radon-resistant technique used in the building process;
- 39 (p) Documentation reflecting how the topography of the site will permit good drainage of
40 surface water away from the school building to eliminate significant areas of standing
41 water and infiltration of surface water into the school building;
- 42 (q) Specifications showing all chemical storage areas in new construction will be
43 constructed to maintain negative air pressure to eliminate contamination of the
44 school's indoor air quality by being vented to the outside of the building;

- 1 (r) Specifications showing gas supply lines serving science laboratories, consumer
- 2 science, industrial arts, and other rooms utilizing multiple outlets will have a master
- 3 shut-off valve that is readily accessible to the instructor or instructor-in-charge
- 4 without leaving the classroom or storage area;
- 5 (s) Specifications showing industrial arts classrooms or buildings nad other rooms using
- 6 electrically-operated instruction equipment which presents a significant safety hazard
- 7 to the student utilizing such equipment shall be supplied with a master electric switch
- 8 readily accessible to the instructor or instructors-in-charge without leaving the
- 9 classroom or storage area;
- 10 (t) Specifications showing that janitorial storage spaces will be lockable, have sufficient
- 11 storage for equipment and chemicals, and be vented to the outside of the building;
- 12 (u) Specifications showing that hot and cold water shall be provided to handwashing
- 13 sinks and shower facilities. Hot water shall not be below 100 degrees F nor exceed a
- 14 temperature of 120 degrees F;
- 15 (v) Documentation showing DPHHS the use of radon prevention strategies in new
- 16 construction.

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 18 The District shall not commence construction until all plans required by this policy have been
 19 approved by DPHHS or the local health authority. Construction shall be in accordance with the
 20 plans as approved unless permission is granted in writing by the DPHHS or the local health
 21 authority to make changes.

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 23 Change of Use in Existing Building

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 25 The District shall not use an existing building not currently utilized as a school without the prior
 26 approval of the DPHHS or the local health authority. The District shall comply with this policy
 27 when modifying a building in order to be utilized as a school.

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 29 The District is authorized to use of modular or mobile buildings in response to temporary or
 30 permanent closure of the existing school facility, segments thereof, or classroom overflow when
 31 plans are submitted and approved by DPHHS or the local health authority.

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34 Legal Reference:	Section 50-1-206, MCA	50-1-203, MCA	50-1-206, MCA
35	37.111.804, ARM		Preconstruction Review
36	37.111.805, ARM		Existing Building – Change of Use
37	10.55.701(s), ARM		Board of Trustees
38	10.55.701(l), ARM		Board of Trustees

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