

160-5-4-.10 APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

(1) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Local school systems constructing new schools or additions to existing schools or modifying existing schools that are to be used for instruction or for housing students in connection with student activities shall meet minimum requirements and standards as provided in Rule 160-5-4-.16 Design and Construction Standards and Construction Costs.

(b) Local school systems shall obtain the services of architects and engineers who hold current Georgia registration to design all school facility construction and/or modification.

1. The local school system shall obtain approval for all plans and specifications from the department, State Fire Marshal, and Georgia Department of Human Resources or any other state or federal agency as may be applicable.

(c) Facilities constructed prior to July 1, 1981, but after 1952, that do not meet the requirements and standards in Rule 160-5-4-.16 Design and Construction Standards and Construction Costs are exempt from the rule, provided the plans and specifications have been previously approved by the department and the appropriate occupancy permits have been issued by the state fire marshal.

1. Local school systems having buildings or classrooms constructed after July 1, 1981, without approved plans and specifications in accordance with this rule, shall be in violation of state law, and the local school system shall be responsible for bringing these facilities into compliance with the rules, regulations, standards, and safety codes that were in effect at the time of construction.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-260; 20-2-261.

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