

viii. Be provided with door hardware which is lever-operated and fully operable from the interior and exterior at all times;

ix. Be provided with an electric smoke detection unit which has an audible alarm that can clearly be heard within the unit;

x. Be furnished with an electric hook-up cable which is copper, a maximum of 28 feet in length and contain a 220 volt four-prong receptacle which is plugged into an approved twist-type outlet;

xi. Be furnished with a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher which is maintained in operating order at all times;

xii. Be furnished with electrical fixtures which meet the National Electrical Code, Section 551;

xiii. Have electrical wire of a minimum size to meet the National Electrical Code;

xiv. Have floor covering of either carpet which meets the requirements of the U.C.C. or asbestos-free vinyl tile;

xv. Be furnished with furniture and equipment which is stabilized while in transit;

xvi. Pass an annual inspection by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles;

xvii. Be evaluated and approved annually by the county superintendent of schools;

xviii. Be furnished with wheel chocks to assure that the unit will not move in any direction when parked.

5. Nonconformance of code requirements (i)4i through xviii above which is found during an evaluation of any van and/or other mobile unit placed in service after June 4, 1986 or of a subsequent future inspection of a van and/or other mobile unit approved according to this subsection shall be corrected within 30 days of such evaluation. Staff of the Bureau of Facility Planning Services or the county superintendent may order a van and/or other mobile unit immediately abandoned if, as a result of an evaluation, it is concluded that a clear and present danger exists for students and staff. A clear and present danger shall be defined as deficiencies involving code requirements relating to construction materials, fire safety and exiting. Failure or inability to correct code deficiencies shall be cause to order a permanent abandonment of a van and/or other mobile unit.

6. Pre-manufactured units in service prior to June 4, 1986 will be evaluated by the Bureau of Facility Planning Services. If such evaluation indicates that a unit cannot meet the provisions of this section and/or requirements of the Uniform Construction Code as summarized in Department of Education specifications for vans or other mobile units, it shall be abandoned. If the evaluation indicates that code deficiencies can be corrected, districts will be permitted up to three years in which to correct the

deficiencies. If the deficiencies are not corrected, the unit shall be abandoned.

7. A self-propelled van or other pre-manufactured mobile unit being utilized as an emergency, temporary replacement for a regular classroom facility may be utilized for a maximum of two school years. As a precondition to the approval for the use of a van or other mobile unit, a school district must have a plan, including an implementation schedule, approved by the county superintendent of schools for the provision of permanent facilities. A van or other mobile unit to be used for the delivery of basic skills services to nonpublic school students under the Federal Education Consolidation Improvement Act, P.L.1977-1, sections 192 and 193, may be used as long as it meets the standards of this section.

(j) All buildings and structures and parts thereof, both existing and new, shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and energy-efficient condition. All service equipment, means of egress, devices and safeguards which are required by the State Uniform Construction Code in a building or structure or which were required by a previous statute for a building or structure, when erected, altered or repaired, shall be maintained in good working order.

Amended by R.1986 d.281, effective July 21, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 526(a), 18 N.J.R. 1457(a).

Text added in (a)18 "Where classrooms, shops . . ."; (a)33 added. Amended by R.1990 d.394, effective August 6, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 1253(a), 22 N.J.R. 2350(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 6:22-2.4; option added to provide for out of classroom toilet facilities for early intervention, Pre-k and kindergarten programs, change to inspection of pre-manufactured units, vans and trailers by local building code officials.

Administrative Correction: Moved library services from one area of (b)1 to another.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2683(a).

Administrative Correction to (i)4v.

See: 23 N.J.R. 59(b).

Amended by R.1991 d.423, effective August 19, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1238(a), 23 N.J.R. 2502(a).

Stylistic changes.

6:22-5.5 School space sizes and capacity

(a) The following words and terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Capacity" of a school building means:

i. The sum of the capacities of each instructional space which is calculated by subtracting the square feet for program activity, furniture and equipment, both built-in and moveable, storage and any other activity or item to be housed from the gross square footage to determine the net square feet per space and dividing that number by the net square feet per occupant as required in (b) below; plus

ii. The sum of the capacities of each instructional space which is calculated by dividing the gross square feet per space by the gross square feet per occupant as required in (b) below.

"Departmentalized elementary school" means a school in which any combination of grades is organized according to a departmentalized structure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.10(1)16 with students moving from teacher to teacher during the day.

"Minimum gross area in square feet" means the least amount of square feet required for a space in a school.

"Minimum square feet per pupil" means the least amount of square feet required for each pupil to be housed in a space in a school.

"Non-departmentalized elementary school" means a school that contains any combination of grades in kindergarten through eight in which pupils spend the majority of instructional time with one teacher.

"Pupil station" means the gross area in square feet required for one pupil.

(b) The minimum square feet for each instructional space shall be determined by the net and gross square feet values shown below together with the definitions of net and gross square feet presented in (c) below. The capacity of a school building shall be calculated according to definitions in (a) above.

Area	Minimum Required Floor Area in Square Feet per Occupant
Classrooms, including early intervention, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten	20 net
Classrooms (students with physical mobility problems, for example, wheelchair)	25 net
Science laboratories	20 net
Shops and laboratories for industrial arts and vocational education	50 net
Small group instruction, including music practice	20 net
Conference rooms	15 net
Auditorium, excluding stage	7 net
Cafeteria and faculty dining	
Food service	12 net
Assembly, unfixed seats	7 net
Gymnasium (all school types)	—
Spectator area	3 net
Physical education-athletics, with spectator area in gymnasium	100 net
Physical education-athletics, with no spectator area	125 net
Assembly, unfixed seats	7 net
Auxiliary gymnasium and/or weight room (20 student capacity base)	40 net
Locker room	20 net
Multi-purpose Room	
Spectator area	3 net
Physical education-athletics	80 net
Food service	12 net
Assembly, unfixed seats	7 net
Library/Media Center	—
Reading room	50 net
Seminar—small group	20 net
Stacks (.25 reading room capacity—elementary) (.33 reading room capacity—middle, junior/senior high school)	100 gross
Other support spaces	20 net
Health Center	—
Cot area	30 net
Examination room	20 net
Offices	60 net, first occupant; 15 net additional occupants

(c) Instructional and non-instructional spaces for which a maximum floor area per occupant is not delineated in (b) above shall be provided with sufficient square feet to accommodate their functions and are subject to approval by the Bureau of Facility Planning Services.

(d) A net square feet per occupant figure is one which establishes the square feet for safety and exit facilities. The gross area in square feet per space is the capacity (highest number of occupants) multiplied by the net square feet per occupant, for activity areas, furniture and equipment (both built-in and moveable), storage and any other activity or item to be housed.

(e) A gross square feet per occupant is one which establishes the required area in square feet for a defined purpose. The gross area in square feet required per space is the capacity (highest number of occupants) multiplied by the gross square feet per occupant.

(f) Spaces occupied but not previously approved prior to May 7, 1990, in order to be approved for capacity, must meet the following requirements:

1. Special education classrooms in private schools for the handicapped and in schools for the handicapped operated by the Department of Human Services shall be either a minimum of 40 square feet gross per student, as previously set forth in the Department of Education School Capacity Bulletin, or 20 net square feet per student as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6:22-5.5(b); and

2. Spaces, other than special education classrooms in private schools for the handicapped and in schools for the handicapped operated by the Department of Human Services, shall be either the square foot amounts previously set forth in the Department of Education's School Capacity Bulletin or meet the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 6:22-5.5(b).

Amended by R.1990 d.237, effective May 7, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 277(c), 22 N.J.R. 1359(a).

Established alternative standards for special education and other spaces in private schools for the handicapped and those schools for the handicapped operated by the Department of Human Services.

Amended by R.1990 d.394, effective August 6, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1253(a), 22 N.J.R. 2350(a).

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 6:22-2.5; reference to "middle school" and "secondary school" deleted in (a) and Food Service changed from 15 to 12 net at (b).

Administrative Correction to (b) and (f).

See: 23 N.J.R. 59(b).

Amended by R.1991 d.423, effective August 19, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1238(a), 23 N.J.R. 2502(a).

Food service area requirements decreased.

SUBCHAPTER 6. SUBSTANDARD SCHOOL FACILITIES

6:22-6.1 Emergency provisions for accommodation of school pupils in substandard school facilities

(a) Substandard facilities shall be defined as: