

Policy 3517: Facilities Inspection

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 03/21/2018 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 03/21/2018

The Board of Education recognizes that the condition of school facilities may have an impact on safety, student achievement, and employee morale and desires to provide school facilities that are safe, clean, and functional, as defined in Education Code 17002.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a facilities inspection and maintenance program to ensure that school facilities are maintained in good repair in accordance with law. At a minimum, the program shall analyze those facility conditions specified on the facilities inspection tool developed by the Office of Public School Construction, including the following:

1. Gas Leaks: Gas systems and pipes appear safe, functional, and free of leaks.
2. Mechanical Systems: Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems as applicable are functional and unobstructed.
3. Windows/Doors/Gates/Fences (interior and exterior): Conditions that pose a safety and/or security risk are not evident.
4. Interior Surfaces (floors, ceilings, walls, and window casings): Interior surfaces appear to be clean, safe, and functional.
5. Hazardous Materials (interior and exterior): There does not appear to be evidence of hazardous materials that may pose a threat to students or staff.
6. Structural Damage: There does not appear to be structural damage that could create hazardous or uninhabitable conditions.
7. Fire Safety: The fire equipment and emergency systems appear to be functioning properly.
8. Electrical (interior and exterior): There is no evidence that any portion of the school has a power failure and electrical systems, components, and equipment appear to be working properly.
9. Pest/Vermin Infestation: Pest or vermin infestation is not evident.
10. Drinking Fountains (inside and outside): Drinking fountains appear to be accessible and functioning as intended.
11. Restrooms: Restrooms appear to be accessible during school hours, are clean, functional, and in compliance with Education Code 35292.5 (operational and supplied).
12. Sewers: Sewer line stoppage is not evident.
13. Roofs (observed from the ground, inside/outside the building): Roof system appears to be functioning properly.
14. Playground/School Grounds: The playground equipment and school grounds appear to be clean, safe, and functional.
15. Overall Cleanliness: School grounds, buildings, common areas, and individual rooms appear to be cleaned regularly.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any necessary repairs identified during the inspection are made in a timely and expeditious manner. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with regular reports regarding the district's facility inspection program and updates of any visits to district schools by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Regulation 3517: Facilities Inspection

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 03/21/2018 | **Last Revised Date:** 10/19/2022 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 10/19/2022

The Superintendent or designee shall inspect school facilities to ensure that they are maintained in good repair. At a minimum, the Superintendent or designee shall assess those facility conditions specified on the facilities inspection tool developed by the Office of Public School Construction, including, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 17002, 35292.5)

1. **Gas Leaks:** Gas systems and pipes appear and smell safe, functional, and free of leaks.
2. **Mechanical Systems:** Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, as applicable, are functional and unobstructed; appear to supply an adequate amount of air to all classrooms, work spaces, and facilities; and maintain interior temperatures within normally acceptable ranges.
3. **Windows and Doors:** Windows and doors are intact, functional, and open, close, and lock as designed, unless there is a valid reason they should not function as designed.
4. **Fences and Gates:** Fences and gates are intact, functional, and free of holes and other conditions that could present a safety hazard to students, staff, or others. Locks and other security hardware function as designed.
5. **Interior Surfaces (walls, floors, ceilings):** Interior surfaces are free of safety hazards from tears, holes, missing floor and ceiling tiles, torn carpet, water damage, or other cause. Ceiling tiles are intact. Surfaces display no evidence of mold or mildew.
6. **Hazardous Materials:** Hazardous and flammable materials are stored properly. No evidence of peeling, chipping, or cracking paint is apparent. No indicators of mold, mildew, or asbestos exposure are evident. There does not appear to be evidence of hazardous materials that may pose a threat to the health and safety of students or staff.
7. **Structures:** Posts, beams, supports for portable classrooms and ramps, and other structures appear intact, secure, and functional as designed. Ceilings and floors are not sloping or sagging beyond their intended design. There is no visible evidence of severe cracks, dry rot, mold, or damage that undermines structural components.
8. **Fire Safety and Emergency Equipment:** Fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers, emergency alarm systems, and all emergency equipment and systems appear to be functioning properly. Fire alarm pull stations are clearly visible. Fire extinguishers are current and placed in all required areas, including every classroom and assembly area. Emergency exits are clearly marked and unobstructed.
9. **Electrical Systems:** Electrical systems, components, and equipment, including switches, junction boxes, panels, wiring, outlets, and light fixtures, are securely enclosed, properly covered and guarded from student access, and appear to be working properly.
10. **Lighting:** Interior and exterior lighting appears to be adequate and working properly. Lights do not flicker, dim, or malfunction, and there is no unusual hum or noise from light fixtures.
11. **Pest/Vermin Infestation:** No visible or odorous indicators of pest or vermin infestation are evident.
12. **Drinking Fountains:** Interior and exterior drinking fountains are functional, accessible, and free of leaks. Drinking water pressure is adequate. Fountain water is clear and without unusual taste or odor, and moss, mold, or excessive staining is not evident.
13. **Restrooms:** Restrooms are fully operational, maintained and cleaned regularly, and stocked at all times with supplies (including toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand dryers) in accordance with Education Code 35292.5. The school keeps all restrooms open during school hours when students are not in classes and keeps a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when students are in classes, except when necessary to temporarily close a restroom for student safety or to repair the facility.

In addition, any school serving any of grades 6-12 shall, at all times, stock and make available and accessible free of cost, an adequate supply of menstrual products in every women's and all-gender restroom, and in at least one men's restroom. The district shall post in a prominent and conspicuous location a notice regarding this requirement that

includes an email address and telephone number for a designated individual responsible for maintaining the requisite supply of menstrual products. {Education Code 35292.6}

14. Sewers: The sanitary sewer system controls odors as designed, displays no signs of stoppage, backup, or flooding in school facilities or on school grounds, and appears to be functioning properly.
15. Roofs: Roofs, gutters, roof drains, and downspouts appear to be functioning properly and are free of visible damage and evidence of disrepair when observed from the ground from inside and outside the building
16. Drainage: School grounds do not exhibit signs of drainage problems, such as visible evidence of flooded areas, eroded soil, water damage to asphalt playgrounds or parking areas, or clogged storm drain inlets.
17. Playground/School Grounds: Playground equipment {exterior fixtures, seating, tables, and equipment}, school grounds, fields, walkways, and parking lot surfaces are functional and free of significant cracks, trip hazards, holes, deterioration that affects functionality or safety, and other health and safety hazards.
18. Overall Cleanliness: School grounds, buildings, common areas, and individual rooms appear to have been cleaned regularly and are free of accumulated refuse and unabated graffiti. Restrooms, drinking fountains, and food preparation or serving areas appear to have been cleaned each day that school is in session.

In addition, to ensure the health and safety of students, the Superintendent or designee shall provide for the testing of drinking water on campus and of the soil and painted surfaces of school facilities for the presence of lead and/or other harmful substances, in accordance with state and federal standards.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any necessary repairs or removal of hazards identified during the inspection are made in a timely and expeditious manner.

An assessment of the safety, cleanliness, and adequacy of school facilities, including any needed maintenance to ensure good repair as defined in Education Code 17002, shall be reported on the school accountability report card. {Education Code 33126}

Any complaint alleging a school facility condition that poses an emergency or urgent threat to the health or safety of students or staff, or alleging that a school restroom is not clean, maintained, stocked, or kept open, shall be addressed in accordance with AR 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Governing Board with regular reports regarding the district's facility inspections and updates of any visits to district schools by the County Superintendent of Schools to review school facilities.
