

PRE-INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS

Fresno County Fire Protection District is required to perform a fire and life safety inspection of all Educational Occupancies in its jurisdiction on an annual basis. As a courtesy, Fresno County Fire, Protection and Planning Department has prepared a pre-inspection checklist program for schools. The checklist includes items commonly addressed and is not intended to substitute the currently adopted fire code and other applicable codes and standards. Each item is in reference to the 2022 California Fire Code.

Exterior		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
•	Is the address posted near the main entrance in a conspicuous location & in contrasting color? CFC 505.1			
•	Is a Knox Box accessible and are keys current? CFC 506.1			
•	Is there a 3-foot clear access to all fire sprinkler systems and fire standpipe connections? CFC 912.4.2 Are the Fire Lanes clear from all obstructions? (20 feet and unobstructed) CFC 503.2.1 Are Fire Lanes marked "Fire Lane No Parking" and clearly visible? CFC 503.3 Is access provided for exterior gates & are locks in working condition? CFC 503.5.2			
Fir	re Protection Equipment	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
•	Is the phone number to the alarm company posted on the panel?			
•	Is the Fire Alarm System clearly identified with no trouble light showing? CFC 901.6			
•	Are all fire sprinkler risers accessible, and if enclosed, are rooms clearly labeled? CFC 509.1			
•	Are commercial kitchen hood extinguishing systems serviced and tagged within the past six			
_	months? (Including those in cafeterias and/or multi-purpose rooms) CFC 904.13.5 Have kitchen hoods been cleaned recently & are they free of grease accumulation?	_	_	_
•	CFC 606.3.3			
•	Have all Fire Extinguishers been serviced and tagged within the last 12 months? CFC 906.2			
Ex	its	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
•	Are all exits maintained and accessible? CFC 1003.6			
	 Are the exits clear with no obstructions? CFC 1003.6 			
	 Do doors swing easily? CFC 1010.1.3 			
	 Is all exit hardware working properly and easily? CFC 1010.2.2 			
•	Are all exit maps posted and exit signs illuminated (where required)? CFC 403.4.1.1			
•	Are all emergency lights working? CFC 1013.3			
•	Are exits free of flammable material? CFC 1032.6			
	Windows are to be clear of flammable material if there is only one exit door.			
	 CFC 1032.6 All exit doors shall not have decorations on the door. CFC 1032.6 			
	 All exit doors shall not have decorations on the door. CEC 1037.6 	_		_

Cla	assrooms	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
•	Are classroom occupant loads posted where required? (Any load over 50) CFC 1004.3			
•	Is the seating arrangement such that it would facilitate quick evacuation if needed? CFC 1003.6			
•	Are the tops of portable fire extinguishers weighing less than 40lbs hung no more than 5' off			
	the ground and accessible? (Weight over 40lbs hung no more than 3.5' off the top of the			
	ground) CFC 906.9.1 & 906.9.2			
•	Is access to the portable fire extinguisher free of obstruction? CFC 906.6			_
•	Is artwork or any teaching material on the wall excessive? Artwork & teaching materials shall be	_	_	_
	limited on walls of classrooms to not more than 50% of the specific wall area to which they are			
	attached. (Sprinklers do not increase this amount) (This does not include fabric) CFC 807.5.2.3	_	_	_
	Curtains, draperies, <u>fabric</u> hangings & other similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall be flame resistant & shall not exceed 10% of the specific wall or ceiling area to which they are attached.		ш	u
	(Sprinklers do not increase this amount) CFC 807.3, 807.4			
	Curtains, draperies, <u>fabric</u> hangings & other similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall be flame resistant in accordance with the provisions set forth in CCR, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 8 (see GGFD website). CFC 807.4			
	♦ Treatment of fabric must be performed by a California State Fire Marshal-approved			
	applicator and maintained in accordance with CCR, Title 19. (a CSFM certificate of application must be provided) CCR, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 8.			
	Artwork, teaching material and <u>fabric</u> not meeting CFC 807.5.2.3 or CFC 807.3 & 807.4 will be required to be reduced or removed.			
•	Is the ceiling free of hanging artwork, teaching, or decorative material? The hanging or displaying of			
	decorative materials from acoustical ceiling systems that are part of a fire-resistance-rated horizontal			
	assembly, shall be prohibited. CFC 807.2			
•	Are exits clear and accessible with no furniture, equipment or supplies obstructing access? CFC 1031.3			
•	Are exits free of flammable material? CFC 1031.6			
	 Windows are to be clear of flammable material if there is only one exit door. CFC 1030.4 			
	 Classroom exit doors shall not have decorations on the door. CFC 1031.6 			
•	Are evacuation maps clearly posted near the door? CFC 403.5.1			_
•	Are emergency bags clearly accessible and located near the door?			
•	Is storage ≥24" below the ceiling in buildings without fire sprinklers or ≥18" below the sprinkler head			
	in buildings with fire sprinklers? CFC 315.3.1	ш		
•	Are extension cords in use? (extension cords are not allowed in place of permanent wiring) CFC 603.6	_		
•	Are electrical cords protected in areas subject to environmental damage or physical impact?			
	(An approved cord protector is required in these areas) CFC 603.8.1			
•	Are multi-plug adapters being used? (Multi-plug adapters, such as cube adapters, unfused plug strips			
	or any other device not complying with the California Electrical Code shall be prohibited) CFC			
	603.1.1			
•	Are surge protectors plugged directly into the wall, not interconnected, or used with extension			
	cords? CFC 603.5.2			
•	Are electrical subpanels clear of decoration & obstruction? A working space of not less than 30" in			
	width, 36" in depth, and 78" in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment.	_	_	_
	CFC 603.4			
•	Classrooms are to be free of flammable furniture including but not limited to couches, bean bags,	_	_	_
	lounge chairs, and pillows. Furniture with flammable exteriors & interior stuffing are not permitted.			
	CCR, Title 19, Division 1, §3.08			

Sp	ecial Use Classrooms	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
•	For shops (auto shop, wood shop, etc.) are flammable liquids stored in an approved			
	flammable liquid cabinet with self-closing doors and no penetrations? CFC 5704.3.2			
•	For wood shops, if installed, is the dust collection system being properly			
	maintained? CFC 2203.2			
•	For shop classrooms, are oil and/or paint rags stored in a metal container with a self-closing			
	and tight-fitting lid? CCR Title 19 3.19 (c), 304.3			
•	In all classrooms with electrical equipment (machinery), gas systems (science labs), etc., are			
	shut off valves and switches clearly marked and accessible? CFC 509.1.1			
•	In band and drama rooms, are any/all curtains/drapes flame-proof with a California State			
	Fire Marshal tag? CCR Title 19 3.08, 807.3			
Co	rridors/Hallways and Lobbies	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
•	Have all obstructions or tripping hazards been cleared? CFC 1003.6			
•	Are all exit signs illuminated, and working, in areas serving more than 50 people?			
	CFC 1013.3			
•	Are all doors in areas serving 50 or more people equipped with panic hardware?			
	CFC 1010.1.10			
•	Artwork and decorative materials on each wall space does not exceed 20% of the total			
	surface area in buildings. CFC 807.5.2.2			
Pu	blic Assembly Areas (Gymnasiums, Cafeteria's, Multi-Purpose Rooms)	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
•	Are exit signs illuminated and working properly? CFC 1013.3			
•	Is the emergency exit lighting working properly? CFC 1008.3.5			
•	Are occupant load signs posted in a conspicuous location near the main entrance?			
	CFC 1004.3			
•	Is seating arranged to facilitate quick exit in an emergency? CFC 1003.6			
•	Are aisles clear of obstructions? CFC 1003.6			
•	Are drapes/curtains and any/all decorations fire-resistive with California state fire marshal			
Ma	aintenance/Custodial Closets, Rooms, or Shops	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
•	Are oil and paint rags stored in a metal container with a self-closing and tight-fitting lid?			
	CCR Title 19 304.3, 3.19(c)			
•	Is storage neat and orderly? CFC 315.3			
•	Are electrical subpanels clear of decoration & obstruction? (A working space of not less than			
	30" in width, 36" in depth, and 78" in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment) CFC 603.4			

Boiler/Mechanical/Electrical Rooms		<u>No</u>	N/A
 Is all storage cleared from these rooms? CFC 315.3.3 			
• Are rooms clearly marked as to their purpose/use? (Fire alarm, electrical room) CFC	509.1.1		
 Are all fire rated assemblies in working condition? (self-closing doors working, no penetrations in fire rated walls) CFC 703.1 			
General	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	N/A
 Is wiring safe and in good condition throughout the campus? CFC 603.2 			
 Are all cover plates intact on outlets, light switches, and any junction boxes? CFC 60 	03.2.2		
 Is storage height being maintained a minimum of 24" below ceiling in buildings with 	hout fire		
sprinklers or 18" below ceiling in building with fire sprinklers throughout the campu	us?		
CFC 315.3.1			
• Are surge protectors plugged directly into the wall not interconnected or used with			
extension cords? CFC 603.5.2			
Do you have Fire Drill Records and your Approved Evacuation Plan readily accessible	e for		
review? CFC 405.5			
• Are all ceiling tiles in place and there are no openings into attic space or area above	the 🗖		
ceiling? CFC 703.1.2			

Inspections performed and cleared by Fresno County Fire Protection District are based on clearance at the time and date of inspection. All school staff members are responsible for keeping their rooms in compliance with the current California Fire Code and all applicable codes and standards after receiving clearance by the fire department.

NOTE: If any items in the checklist were answered No, they will need to be corrected prior to the fire department inspection.

To schedule an inspection or if you have questions about any item on this list, please contact the Fresno County Fire Protection District at (559) 319-0400.



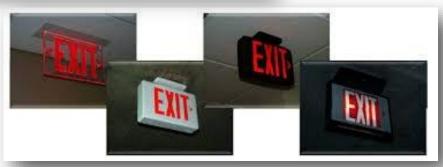


Exits





ACCEPTABLE



<u>Classrooms</u>







NOT ACCEPTABLE



<u>Classrooms</u> NOT ACCEPTABLE

Special Use Classrooms



ACCEPTABLE





Corridors/Hallways/ Lobbies

NOT ACCEPTABLE





NOT ACCEPTABLE
OBSTRUCTION
BLOCKING DOOR

Public Assembly Areas





ACCEPTABLE

