EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

The Michigan Fire Prevention Code, PA207, along with the State Fire Safety Board have adopted fire safety rules for New and Existing Schools, Colleges and Universities. They also have adopted fire safety rules for Dormitories. The School/College/University rules were promulgated in 2016 and adopt the 2012 Life Safety Code (LSC) published by NFPA. The Dormitory rules were promulgated in 2017 and also adopt the 2012 LSC. The rules require plan reviews to be conducted by the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS). Construction, renovation or remodeling in these facilities requires that signed and sealed architectural drawings shall be submitted to BFS. Listed below are the definitions of each facility.

SCHOOL: means a building or part of a building which is owned or leased by, or under the control of, a public or private school or school system for the purpose of instruction as required by section 1561 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being §380.1561 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which is occupied by 6 or more students, and which is used 4 or more hours per day or more than 12 hours per week. Note: Non-instructional school owned buildings such as football stadiums, bus garages and storage buildings are **Not** subject to BFS plan review.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: means a building or part of a building which is used for instructional purposes, which is occupied by 6 or more students and used 4 or more hours per day or more than 12 hours per week, and which is owned or leased by, or under the control of, a junior college, community college, college, or university that is duly authorized to grant degrees by 1 of the following:

(i) Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.
(ii) The Michigan legislature.
(iii) Action by the state board of education.

DORMITORY: means a building or a space in a building in which group sleeping accommodations are provided for more than 16 persons who are not members of the same family in 1 room, or a series of closely associated rooms, under the control of the "school authority", with or without meals, but without individual cooking facilities.

"**School Authority"** means the authority established pursuant to the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1853 for school districts, intermediate school districts, community colleges, section 1 of the private, denominational, and parochial schools, 1921 PA 302, MCL 388.551, and the colleges and universities established under Section 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article VIII of the State Constitution of 1963.

Important Coordination:

BFS is not the only State authority involved with K-12 school construction. The Bureau of Construction Codes also has jurisdiction over K-12 schools. Reach out to their Building Division for more information. www.michigan.gov/bcc

RULES:

School, College and University Fire Safety Rules
Dormitory Fire Safety Rules

EDUCATIONAL FACILITY INFORMATION:

Frequently Asked Questions - School Safety Inspections for Existing K-12 Schools