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Emergency Legislative Rule  
West Virginia Board of Education  
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Title: Handbook on Planning School Facilities

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Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - This legislative rule provides that each County will revise and annually amend its Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan.

1.2 Authority & Related Code Citation(s) - W. Va. Code 18-9C-3

1.3 Filing Date - ~~October 17, 1986~~ *Aug 9, 1985*

1.4 Effective Date - ~~October 17, 1986~~ *Oct. 8, 1985*

1.5 Repeal of Former Rules - None - Revision of rule formerly filed in 1973.

Section 2. Incorporation By Reference

2.1 Copy of rules and regulations are attached. Copies may be obtained in the office of the Secretary of State and in the West Virginia Department of Education, Bureau of Finance and Services.

2.2 Summary of rules and regulations below:

SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The State Department of Education has a responsibility to provide guidance and assistance to counties in their efforts to continuously improve all aspects of educational programming, including physical facilities. The Department of Education endeavors to fulfill its leadership responsibilities and assist in establishing a thorough and efficient system of education for all the children of West Virginia. This handbook for school facilities planning has been prepared to assist public school officials in planning and constructing new facilities, additions and major renovations which will enable West Virginia's 55 county school systems to provide equal educational opportunities for all children.

School facilities are an integral and expensive component of the system of education in West Virginia. As educational programs become comprehensive, the importance of adequate facilities is increased. This increasing importance, combined with aging or obsolete facilities, creates an unending demand. This demand must continuously be provided for in the most efficient manner. Therefore, the adoption of high quality facility standards, concurrent with implementation of an adequately funded program of school facility construction, will ultimately provide the facilities necessary to accommodate a thorough and efficient system of education.

This handbook provides that each county will revise, and annually amend, its Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan. In developing this plan, all existing school facilities will be evaluated in relationship to the standards contained herein. An instrument will be provided to county personnel which will facilitate this process. The Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan will identify all facility needs and will also establish facility construction priorities.