

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
Rules - Public Comment List**

DATE	RESPONDENT	COMMENT	STATUS	SECTION	DIVISION RESPONSE
Sept. 9, 2013	A. Allen Beggs, Gresham & Beggs Architects, P.A.	AFT028-9 3.30. "Schematic Drawing" should be prepared by an Architect licensed by the State of Arkansas. Involvement of a licensed design professional, even in the earliest stages of design, is beneficial and ensures the people of the State that the lives of our children, their health, safety, and welfare are thoroughly protected.	No change	Partnership Program Rules Section 3.30.1	Although early involvement of a design professional may be beneficial to the district, it is the district's decision at what point they need to get professionals involved. The process as stated in the Partnership Program rule section 3.30.1 allows the district to determine funding before hiring a design team. No change to proposed Partnership Program rule revision.
Sept. 18, 2013	Larry Wood, Little Rock School District	850 sounds great to me[. W]hat about sinks and water too[?]. [[Note: This comment relates to the adding of an 850 square foot space requirement for elementary gifted and talented].	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 5 Program of Requirements	Sinks and water are required for kindergarten only and from 1st grade and up it is optional. No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 20, 2013	Kay Adams, Gifted & Talented Facilitator, North Little Rock School District (Lynch Drive and Park Hill Elementary)	I have recently seen the proposed new guidelines for gifted and talented classroom space. I think 850 square feet is great. It is over twice the size of my classroom now. I think if the Department of Education has rules and regulations for the teaching of gifted students then school districts should be required to provide a classroom for these students. Our best and brightest students but we give them a tiny space or no space to have class.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 5 Program of Requirements	No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 20, 2013	Barbara Prichard, Director, Gifted	It is wonderful to see the proposal for the addition of space requirements for [gifted and talented] classrooms. This has been a need for gifted and talented programs for decades. As our district has added buildings, we have included building requirements for gifted and talented classrooms that are 5 square feet smaller than that required for an academic core classroom. This has been an additional positive that kept that classroom assigned for GT needs. Thank you.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 5 Program of Requirements	No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 23, 2013	Rhonda Solley, Fort Smith Public Schools	Having space for [gifted and talented] is priceless. I have taught GT for 15 years in hallways, corners, teacher workrooms, cafeteria and stages. Many times while art, music or practice for class program going on at the same time. Having space for the brightest student[s] in our state just makes sense.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 5 Program of Requirements	No change to proposed manual revision.

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Sept. 24, 2013 (public comment hearing)	Chad Davidson, Facilities Consultant	Rule change setting warm, safe, and dry systems as a third priority will benefit many school districts.	Accept	Partnership Program Rules Section 5.05.1 (ii)	No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 27, 2013	Hugh Burge, Facilities Consultant	Comment relates to revision on page 8; Section 3.25(iii) re: in calculating state financial participation in facilities that include a tornado shelter or designated reinforced area, Division "shall deduct from the project cost the total amount of grant funds received by the school district for the shelter or area." Mr. Burge commented school districts could interpret this in a manner that would jeopardize the pursuit of federal grant aid to construct a FEMA approved saferoom, and it also would negatively impact poorer school districts by reducing the amount of partnership program funding they could receive when they also are receiving a federal grant.	No change	Partnership Program Rules Section 3.25 (iii)	Comment considered. The language referenced was copied verbatim from Act 420 of 2013. No change to proposed Partnership Program rule.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Re: School Facility Manual (Appendix A): Foundations and Floor Slabs at Grade, #13. Perimeter slab insulation is not required by Arkansas Energy code. It has very little effectiveness and difficult to install at slabs with turn down edges.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7100-2	Proposed change deleted from manual to address comment.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Exterior Walls, #2. A vapor barrier should be placed on the warm side of the insulation. In Arkansas the warm side varies based on season. Wall should be examined to determine proper placement to ensure condensation does not occur in wall.	No change	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-1	Comment does not address proposed manual changes. Existing standard addresses concerns.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Masonry Veneer Cavity Walls, #4. Is Air Barrier System required over masonry wall construction?	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-2	No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Masonry Veneer on Metal Framing Walls, #3. Cavity Insulation is not typical construction when Batt insulation is used between stud framing.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-3	Proposed change to manual modified to address comment. Add "c." below #3 in components section to include "c. Air barrier membrane" and strike "Cavity insulation Extruded polystyrene insulation" in #3. Add "#3 Cavity Air Infiltration Barrier." This renames the line and allows choice of a, b, or c for cavity air barrier insulation or moisture barrier.

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Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Masonry Veneer on Metal Framing Walls, #6. 5/8" abuse/moisture/mold resistant gypsum board. Is this referring to exterior sheathing or interior finish? If interior finish, is Division requiring a special gypsum board at all locations?	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-3	Proposed change to manual modified to address comment. Referring to interior gypsum board. Remove "abuse/moisture/mold resistant" requirement.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Metal Panel on Metal Framing, #2, 3, & 4. If this section is referring to Pre-Engineered building construction, these items do not apply.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-5	Proposed change to manual modified to address comments. This is not referring to Pre-engineered building construction. Delete #3 in components section.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Metal Panel on Metal Framing, #7. 5/8" abuse/moisture/mold resistant gypsum board. Is this referring to exterior sheathing or interior finish? If interior finish, is Division requiring a special gypsum board at all locations?	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7120-5	Proposed change to manual modified to address comments. Referring to interior gypsum board. Remove "abuse/moisture/mold resistant" requirement.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Single-Ply Roof Systems, #1. PVC roof membranes should be allowed.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7130-6	Proposed change to manual modified to address comment.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Single-Ply Roof Systems, #2, 4, & 5. Different roof systems required different cover board and substrate requirements. Will these be required even if specific system does not require?	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7130-6	No change to proposed manual revision.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Windows and Doors, #8. New working states that all interior doors are required to be wood. Would this exclude using hollow metal doors in high abuse or wet areas (PE spaces, Shop areas, Gymnasiums, Locker rooms, etc.)? Factory Prefinished doors are not always available to match existing at additions or renovations.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7140-2	Proposed change to manual modified to address comments.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Plumbing Design Criteria, Potable Water Systems Standards, #2. Under slab piping to island sinks in Kitchens and Trap primers at floor drains are not accessible and should use Type "K" copper.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7200-3	Proposed change to manual modified to address comments.
Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Potable Water Systems Standards, #6. Fiberglass insulation. In situations where piping is being installed and insulated in block walls before the roof is installed a closed cell insulation would be needed because fiberglass does not hold up when wet.	Accept	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7200-3	Proposed change to manual modified to address comments.

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Sept. 30, 2013	Randy Wolf, Lewis Architect Engineers	Plumbing Systems for Food Service Area Standard, #2. 110-degree water is not appropriate for cleaning dishes (too low).	No change	Arkansas School Facility Manual Chapter 7 Section 7200-5	No change to proposed manual revision. This is a 3 compartment sink. Ware washing standard is 180 degree.