

Arkansas Public School Academic Facility Manual Summary of Changes

1. Overall Manual Format

- a. 2-column format
 - i. construction standards in left column
 - ii. guidelines in right column
- b. Page numbering format changed; previous “Sections” now designated as “Chapters”; these Chapters contain Sections correlating to previously numbered sections

2. Chapter 1 – How to Use This Section renamed How to Use This Manual

- a. Removed section 1100, Executive Summary table
- b. Removed section 1200, Planning, Design, and Construction Process
- c. Removed section 1300, Definitions

3. Chapter 2 – Educational Facility Planning Concepts

- a. Section 2000 changed from Best Practices to Educational Facility Planning Concepts Introduction
 - i. Section 2000 has been, largely, rewritten to better address the subject matter
- b. Section 2100 – Special Education has been moved to Chapter 3
- c. Section 2200 – Workforce Development has been moved to Chapter 3

4. Chapter 3 – Educational Framework

- a. Section 3000 Principles renamed Educational Framework
- b. Removed references to pre-K
- c. Section 3000, changed “Workforce Development” to “Career Education”
- d. Added new Section 3100, “High Performance Learning Environments”
- e. Added new Section 3200, “Special Education” (*moved from Chapter 2, Section 2100*)
 - i. Removed Definition of Terms
- f. Added new Section 3300, “Career Education” (*moved from Chapter 2, Section 2200; renamed from previous Workforce Development*)

5. **Chapter 4 – Site Guidelines, renamed Site Selection and Design**
 - a. Merged sections 4000, 4100, and 4200 into one Section 4000
 - b. Removed prescriptive site dimensions that were deemed directive in nature, rather than guidelines. Site selection, by each district, is unique to their local needs.

6. **Chapter 5 – Program of Requirements (POR) [Bracketing], renamed Program of Requirements**
 - a. Removed the previous POR form graphics and added the hyperlink to the actual form, located on the Division's website
 - b. Added Health Center restroom (*45 square feet*) as required space.

7. **Chapter 6 – Program Space Guidelines**
 - a. Removed pre-K throughout
 - b. Replaced 'chalkboard' with 'marker board', which includes white boards and smart boards
 - c. Space plates and standards are, largely, unchanged

8. **Chapter 7 – Building Systems**
 - a. Section 7000 – Introduction
 - i. Removed "Green Building Design (optional)" from standards
 - b. Added new Section 7050 – Civil Sitework
 - c. All 7000-series sections
 - i. Incorporated Advisory Committee recommendations for clarifications and/or changes to design and construction technical specifications

9. **Former Section 3 – Custodial and Maintenance – *Removed***
 - a. This section will be provided as a stand-alone document, through the Division's website

10. **Former Section 4 – Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Procurement – *Removed***
 - a. This section will be provided as a stand-alone document, through the Division's website

11. **Former Section 5 – Technology – *Removed***
 - a. This section was primarily definitions of technology staff roles and job descriptions; deemed outside the scope of this manual