

No change in toilet partition requirements.

It has come to our attention that a toilet partition supplier has distributed a fabricated memo that reports a change to the New York State Education Department requirements for plastic toilet partitions as set forth in the 1998 Manual of Planning Standards posted on our web site. This change amounts to a 100% increase in cost for districts.

THERE IS NO CHANGE. CLASS "A" TOILET PARTITIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

The official posting is located on our web site www.emsc.nysed.gov/facplan/ under [Publications and Articles](#) on the [Manuals and Guidelines](#) page. The proper citation is found on typed page number 36 or page 46 on the PDF reader. This citation is a footnote under TABEL S205-3 relating to "furniture and specialties". The note reads:

* Recommended.

NOTE: Plastic toilet partitions see "furniture and specialties" above, except: a flame spread rating of not more than 200 and a smoke density rating of less than 75 or a smoke developed rating of less than 450 may be approved.

The fabricated memo is attached her for your reference. If you find copies of this memo in your files please send an e-mail to cthurnau@mail.nysed.gov indicating how you received the memo. Remove any copies you have from your files and dispose of them.

FABRICATED MEMO TO BE DESTROYED

To: All School Facility Managers

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Fr: NY State Education Dept.

Re: Manual of Planning Standards

Interior finishes shall meet or exceed the following:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Flame Spread</u>	<u>Smoke Development</u>
Toilet Partitions	Class A	Class A
Poured in Place Safety Surface	Class A	Class A
Gymnasium Wall Padding	Class A	Class A
Carpet & backing must have not less than .45 watts critical radiant Flux (CRF)		

Fire Hazard Classification

a) The Fire Hazard Classification of a finish material provides data in regard to flame spread, fuel contributed and smoke development. Interior finish material shall be classified in accordance with the recognized standard test in which asbestos cement board rates on a scale and red oak lumber, 100 ASTM E-84, NFPA-255, UL-793.

1. Class A Finish-flame spread 0-25; any material classified at 25 or less, and any element thereof which, when tested, shall not continue to propagate fire.
2. Class B Finish-flame spread 25-75
3. Class C Finish flame spread 75-200
4. Class D Finish flame spread 201-500

b) Regardless of the flame spread classification, no material having a smoke spread developed rating of 450 or more shall be used. Any material having a life hazard greater than that indicated by the flame spread classification because of the amount and character of combustion products generated, shall be included in a lesser classification appropriate to its actual hazard, as determined by the Commissioner.