

Below is a summary of changes made to the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program (*Partnership Rule*) and the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Facilities Master Plan (*Master Plan Rule*). There are also changes to the Arkansas Public School Academic Facility Manual (*Facility Manual*), which should be reviewed. School districts/Designers/Contractors or anyone performing related tasks for each school district should review the revised rules and the Facility Manual in totality and thoroughly understand, and referring any questions to the appropriate Division staff member.

Final rules effective December 30, 2019, are posted on the DPSAFT website linked [here](#). *The following is a summary only and is not inclusive of all changes to either rule or the facility manual.*

1. Partnership Program Rule:

- a. Changes have been made in the calculation of the facilities wealth index as required by statute.
- b. Safe room grants – School districts have been required to report to the Division the amount of safe room grants. This has been further detailed.
- c. Provisions have been made for safety/security system projects to be submitted as a warm/safe/dry system project. Projects must represent a *comprehensive* campus security upgrade, *be original installations (not replacements, upgrades, or extension of existing systems)*, and comprised of at least three approved systems. Funds are not available for new buildings, replacement systems, upgrades of systems, or extension of existing systems. School districts should see the Partnership Program Rule for details on eligible systems and application details. Project applications must specify each of the three required new installations and indicate the square feet each installation encompasses. Schematics must specify the exact areas and scope of any installations. School districts must upload system specs, brochures, and/or other information to the project application.
- d. Per new statute all work orders (*preventative, reactive, and scheduled*) must be entered and maintained in the state-provided CMMS system.
- e. Any submitted PORs must be *complete and accurate including, but not limited to, enrollments, existing spaces, new spaces, existing campus square feet*.

2. Master Plan Rule:

- a. The Division does not approve or disapprove any temporary door barricades designed for intruder situations. However if utilized, school districts must enter these into the Master Plan as a project regardless of cost, and upload a

- brochure or specification sheet of the system to the Master Plan for informational purposes only. All installations must meet the approval of the appropriate code officials.
- b. School districts are required to include in the Master Plan a statement containing the school districts building fund balance as of the fiscal year end prior to the Master Plan submission and how the building fund balances are planned to be used and managed.
 - c. All buildings constructed since the last Master Plan must be included in the Master Plan as well as room data, which lists room size use, etc. School districts will use the template provided in the Master Plan and submit the worksheet to the Division in electronic form.

3. Facility Manual:

- a. Per new statute, school districts must notify the Arkansas Department of Transportation of any new site selection. – Chapter 4 Site Selection and Design
- b. Fencing recommendations are provided. – Chapter 4 Site Selection and Design
- c. POR – Health Center Size changed to 360 sq. ft. to allow for statutory private office and other requirements (6-20-2507).