

School Environmental Health and Safety Rule Project 2024 2025

Summary of Changes

WAC 246-370-001 Purpose

- **Combined:** Introduction statement with Purpose statement

WAC 246-370-005 Definitions

- **Added:** 24 New definitions
- **Removed:** 5 Obsolete definitions
- **Modernized:** 3 Existing definitions
- **No Change:** 2 Existing definitions

WAC 246-370-010 Applicability

- **Referenced:** Exceptions to chapter 246-370 WAC including:
 - Facilities licensed under Title 110 WAC – Department of Children, Youth, and Families
 - Home-based instruction
 - Locations that provide education services, but education is not the primary function of the facility
 - Private tutoring
 - Post secondary schools
 - State-tribal education compact schools
- **Referenced:** Existing regulations that contain legal requirements for schools to follow for environmental health and safety on:
 - Food handling and preparation
 - Water recreation
 - Sewer and liquid waste disposal
 - Carbon monoxide detection
 - Drinking water

WAC 246-370-015 Guidance

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes.

WAC 246-370-020 Site Assessment

- **Added:** Local Health Officer (LHO) may require a site assessment for construction projects on existing school facilities.
- **Added:** School officials must:
 - Have a Phase 1 Site Assessment
 - Notify LHO at least 90 days prior to planning new construction
 - Submit site assessments to LHOs
- **Added:** LHOs must:
 - Review site assessments
 - Provide written approval to a school official within 60 days of receiving a completed site assessment

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WAC 246-370-030 Construction Plan Review New, Alterations, and Portable

- **Added:** Specifications for types of construction that might require plan review
- **Added:** Set timelines for school officials and LHOs to review construction plans

WAC 246-370-040 Routine Inspection

- **Added:** Routine inspection frequency
- **Added:** Allow a trained LHO designee to perform additional inspections

WAC 246-370-050 General Building Requirements

- **Added:** Backflow devices on housekeeping sinks
- **Added:** Bathrooms and handwashing facilities are available during school hours and scheduled events

WAC 246-370-060 Showers and Restrooms

- **Added:** At new construction or renovation
 - Must have 1 shower per 15 individuals per each gender participating in physical education or sports teams.
 - Must have 1 toilet per 15 individuals with up to 10% of the fixtures being urinals.

WAC 246-370-080 Indoor Air Quality

- **New Section:** Sets prescribed indoor air quality requirements like radon testing and pest management planning
- **New Section:** Sets prescribed ventilation requirements like outdoor air intake rates.

WAC 246-370-090 Temperature

- **Added:** Maximum and minimum temperature requirements
- **Added:** Requirement for the implementation of an extreme temperature readiness plan.

WAC 246-370-100 Noise

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes.

WAC 246-370-110 Lighting

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes.

WAC 246-370-120 Injury Prevention

- **Added:** Fall protection from balconies or orchestra pits and storage of unsecured equipment
- **Added:** Updated language for chemical storage
- **Added:** Fragrance-free and low-hazard cleaning requirements
- **Added:** Injury and communicable disease prevention planning when animals are allowed in school

WAC 246-370-130 Imminent Health Hazard

- **New Section.** Sets prescribed imminent health hazard requirements for hazards like sewage spillage

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WAC 246-370-140 Playgrounds

- **New Section:** Sets prescribed installation and maintenance requirements for playgrounds

WAC 246-370-150 Specialized Rooms

- **New Section:** Sets prescribed requirements for specialized rooms like health rooms, laboratories, and wood shops

WAC 246-370-160 Variances

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes

WAC 246-370-170 Severability

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes

WAC 246-370-180 Appeals

- **Updated:** Language—no substantive changes