

CARPET IN WIRT COUNTY SCHOOLS

1.0 PURPOSE:

This policy provides for the minimal use of carpet in Wirt County Schools. In compliance with Policy 6200, 2005, it is highly recommended that carpet be used in specific areas, only.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 School floor covering includes tile, carpet, linoleum, or other flooring materials that are fire resistant and meet safety standards as determined by WV Policy 6200, revised 2008. Additional recommendations/requirements for new structures shall follow School Building Authority specifications.
- 2.2 School Building Authority and WVDE Facility guidelines – the agencies that provide specifications for all construction and maintenance of school buildings in West Virginia.
- 2.3 Carpet – a fabric based floor covering (carpet) must meet federal, state, and local regulatory requirements for school applications. The carpet specified and carpet installation must meet industry standards including, but not limited to, off gas release, the reduction of microbial growth, and must be specifically designed and endorsed for this application.

3.0 PROCEDURES:

- 3.1 When carpet floor covering is utilized in any public school building in compliance with Policy 6200, it is highly recommended that it be restricted to the following areas:
 - 3.1.1 Classrooms for grades K-2, Computer labs, libraries/media centers,
 - 3.1.2 Teachers' lounges, Auditorium aisles and walkways, Music rehearsal rooms,
 - 3.1.3 Administrative office (not to include waiting areas, hallways, storage rooms, restrooms, and work areas).
- 3.2 If the use of carpeting is proposed in an existing and/or new facility, documentation must be provided to the School Building Authority and the West Virginia Department of Education by the local education agency and/or its architect that such use will enhance the effectiveness of the teaching environment.
- 3.3 When carpeting is in use in any new or existing school facility, custodial staff for that facility will receive instruction on maintenance of the carpet and on the manufacturer's/industry's recommendation frequency and methods of care.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish written administrative guidelines to facilitate enforcement of and compliance with this policy.

SEVERABILITY:

Any conflict between this policy and state statute shall be resolved by following the statute. If any provision of the policy or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this policy. Changes or updates to legislative items requiring compliance will be included as needed by decision of the Superintendent.

REVIEW SCHEDULE:

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule published by the Superintendent.

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Authority: WV Policy 6200, effective 2008; WV Code §126CSR172

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