



Schools, through the 12th grade -- International Building Code requirements

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If you wish to place one or more school classrooms in a building that was constructed for another use, such as a church or an office building, you will probably find it helpful to consult with an architect to determine whether the building meets the International Building Code requirements for a school. We suggest that you meet with the architect before you sign a lease or an offer to purchase for space that was not built as a school. The architect will help you identify any improvements that must be made to the property before you may use it as a school.

Change of Use

Buildings are built under the Code Year/s that were effect for that specific use at that time. If you are proposing a change of use or occupancy of any building or structure, or any space within a building or structure, that would place the building, structure or space either in a different division of the same group of occupancies or in a different group of occupancies, unless the building, structure of space complies with this code's requirements for the new division or group of occupancies, physical changes would have to be made to ensure compliance for the requirements of the new use.

Questions

The Milwaukee Development Center is available to answer your questions; however, in some cases it may be necessary to obtain the services of an expert in building construction and building codes, such as a registered architect or professional engineer, to comprehensively assess current and future uses of the building.