

**(Effective September 1, 2025)**

**WAC 246-366A-040 Construction project review.** (1) The following school facility construction projects must be reviewed by the local health officer:

- (a) Construction of a new school facility;
  - (b) Schools established in all or part of any existing structures previously used for other purposes;
  - (c) Additions or alterations consisting of more than five thousand square feet of floor area or having a value of more than ten percent of the total replacement value of an existing school facility;
  - (d) Any construction of a shop or laboratory for use by students;
- and

(e) Installation of a portable.

(2) Review and approval requirements for installation of a playground are established in WAC 246-366A-150.

(3) School officials shall:

(a) Consult with the local health officer during preliminary planning for school construction projects that are subject to the requirements of this section;

(b) Invite the local health officer to a predevelopment conference with school officials and project design professionals to participate in the discussion about the preliminary design to highlight health and safety matters and requirements of these rules;

(c) Obtain construction project review and written approval from the local health officer regarding environmental health and safety requirements in these rules before starting construction;

(d) Provide construction documents to the local health officer at the same time as the local building official to facilitate a concurrent and timely review; and

(e) Provide additional documents requested by the local health officer, which may include, but are not limited to, written statements signed by the project's licensed professional engineer verifying that design elements comply with requirements specified by these rules.

(4) The local health officer shall:

(a) Consult with school officials and determine what is required for plan review and approval;

(b) Review construction documents to confirm that the health and safety requirements of these rules are met;

(c) Identify and request any additional documents required to determine compliance with requirements specified by these rules; and

(d) Provide written approval, or describe plan deficiencies needing change to obtain approval, of the construction project within sixty days of receiving all documents needed to complete the review, unless the school officials and the local health officer agree to a different timeline.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050. WSR 10-01-174, 10-12-018, 11-10-080, 13-09-040, 15-09-070, 17-14-055, 19-14-107, 21-14-056, 22-14-021, 23-16-005, and 24-14-089, § 246-366A-040, filed 12/22/09, 5/21/10, 5/3/11, 4/11/13, 4/15/15, 6/28/17, 7/2/19, 7/1/21, 6/24/22, 7/19/23, and 6/28/24, effective 9/1/25.]