

SECTION 00 00 01

PERMITTED USE OF STANDARDS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.01 DEFINITIONS

- A. STANDARDS shall mean “Denver Public Schools – Design and Construction standards.
- B. A/E or ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: The Architect of Record (or prime consultant) and/or any of his sub-consultants (as appropriate for the comment or instruction given).
- C. CONTRACTOR: The general contractor performing the construction and/or any of the trade contractors performing work under sub-contract with the general contractor.
- D. ENGINEER: Any sub-consultant of the Prime A/E.
- E. DPS, FACILITY MODERNIZATION, PROJECT MANAGER: The Denver Public Schools Project Manager for the specific project.
- F. PROJECT: The construction, renovation, remodeling or maintenance replacement described by the Construction Documents.
- G. DPS PROJECT MANGER: The designated representative of Denver Public Schools for the specific project.
- H. PROJECT ARCHITECT: The primary contact between the Architect firm and Denver Public Schools.

1.02 INTENT

- A. Standards are intended to be used to inform Architects and Engineers of DPS preferences and processes to be followed in the process of developing designs and administering the project.
- B. Standards are not intended to limit the use of quality materials, products or processes. The A/E is encouraged to recommend possible variations from the standards.
- C. Variations from standards desired by the Architects / Engineers must be reviewed and approved in writing by DPS.
- D. The Architect (prime consultant) is responsible to distribute standards to all his Engineers and sub-consultants and to assure that standards are current.
- E. It is the intent of the Denver Public Schools that the standards contained herein be used as a reference to assist the design professional in determining the desires of Denver Public Schools as they relate to the processes, materials and products to be used in the design, documentation and administration of construction projects.
- F. The standards are not intended to be used as a specification in whole or in part.
- G. These standards are the property of the Denver Public Schools and shall not be reproduced without permission.

1.03 USE

- A. The Standards are, by reference, a part of the Agreement between Denver Public Schools and the Design Professional. The Design Professional will produce finished Contract Documents which adhere to the Standards.

1.04 RELIANCE ON STANDARDS

- A. The Design Professional shall review the Standards and request in writing, variances to these standards he deems appropriate. The Design Professional shall bring all concerns to the attention of the Denver Public Schools Project Manager.

- B. The Design Professional shall not rely on these Standards as being complete nor shall he rely on any of the provisions included in the Standards as being sufficient to conform to Building Codes or other regulatory requirements of any entity having code enforcement jurisdiction over the design and/or construction of Denver Public Schools projects.
 - 1. It is the responsibility of the Design Professional to determine that all Contract Documents developed using the Standards comply with all applicable ordinances, codes statutes or other regulations.
 - 2. Where specific standards are in excess of regulatory requirements, the Design Professional shall adhere to the Standards unless otherwise directed in writing.
 - 3. Where specific standards are insufficient to meet regulatory requirements, the Design Professional shall bring these items to the attention of the Denver Public Schools Project Manager. In all cases the Contract Documents shall comply with regulatory requirements unless otherwise directed in writing by Denver Public Schools.

1.05 LIABILITY

- A. Each Design Professional remains liable to the extent provided by law for all design decisions made with respect to an individual site or project.
- B. The existence of the Standards shall not constitute a waiver of responsibility or disclaimer of liability of the Design Professional for design negligence or any other legal or equitable claim against Denver Public Schools, any of its officers, agents, employees or contractors.
- C. Neither review of the Contract Documents nor approval of Contract Documents by an agent of the Denver Public Schools shall constitute a waiver of any of the Design Professional's contractual and ethical obligations.
- D. Variation from the Standards without written approval shall be considered as an error of commission and the Design Professional shall be responsible for any and all costs of changes required to bring the finished construction into compliance with the standards.

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