EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCY

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SUMMARY

An Educational Occupancy is a building categorization that describes a building used for educational purposes generally for Grades 12 and below. Examples include:

- Elementary schools
- Middle and Junior High Schools
- High Schools
- Daycare Facilities (5 or more over 2.5 years old, fewer than 24-hours a day)

One common exception involves classrooms in a center for religious worship (church, sanctuary, mosque), where the classroom is *not* used outside of the times for religious worship.









Preschool & Daycare (Limited to 5+ children, 2.5 years or older, and fewer than 24-hrs a day)

Elementary School

Middle / Junior High Schools

High Schools





Classrooms within Religious Facilities

(Can be classified as Assembly A-3 if only used during times of worship, or Educational E if used outside of those hours)

CODE/STANDARD REFERENCES



IBC - 2021: Section 305 Definition of Educational Group E Occupancy

IBC - 2021: Section 305.5.1 Clarification for Classrooms within Places of Religious Worship

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