

**MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE**

**CHAPTER XIII**

**SCHOOLS**

**SECTION 1**

**REGULATION 1. Schools**

- a. The following provisions of the Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”), including all revisions, technical corrections, and supplements published as of March 31, 2010 are incorporated by reference:

Title 9, Chapter 8, Sections 701 through 711

- b. The A.A.C. rules adopted by reference in Subsection a. include no future editions or amendments.
- c. Copies of the above-described A.A.C. rules adopted by reference herein are available from the Arizona Secretary of State.
- d. For the purpose of this code, references to “Department” in Title 9, Chapter 8, means the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department.

**REGULATION 2. Plans Submitted**

- a. No school shall be constructed, nor shall any major alteration or addition be made thereto, until detailed plans and specifications for the premises have been submitted to and approved by the Department; nor shall any construction, alteration, or addition be made except in accordance with approved plans and specifications. The owner, operator, or his authorized agent shall certify in writing that the plan documents comply with these regulations.
- b. The approval shall expire at the end of one year unless the project contemplated in the approved plans is substantially under construction by that time.
- c. Should it be necessary or desirable to make any material change in the approved plans and specifications, revised plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Department for review, and approval shall be obtained before the work affected by the change is undertaken. Structural changes or minor revisions not affecting health and sanitation will be permitted during construction without further approval.

### **REGULATION 3. Permit Required**

No person shall operate a school without a valid permit to do so from the Department, or other than in compliance with this code and any other applicable State or County regulation. The permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises of the establishment.

### **REGULATION 4. New Owner Transition**

The Department may grant the new owner of a school approval to operate without a permit provided the following requirements are met:

- a. The new owner shall apply and receive written approval from the Department prior to operating.
- b. The time between the ownership change and issuance of the required permit to operate must not exceed 30 days.
- c. The previous owner of the establishment must have a valid issued permit at time of the ownership change.
- d. The facility is not undergoing a major alteration or addition. Facilities undergoing a major alteration or addition are not approved for a new owner transition and must submit plans to the Department for review. The new owner must not complete any major alteration or addition to the physical facility which has not been approved by the Department.
- e. The new owner agrees to immediately cease operations if any of the following occur:
  1. An imminent health hazard such as fire, flood, electrical or water outage, sewage backup, misuse of poisonous or toxic materials, onset of an apparent foodborne illness outbreak, gross insanitary occurrence or condition, or other circumstance that may endanger public health.
  2. Evidence of live insect and/or vermin activity.
  3. Missing or inoperable plumbing fixtures essential to facility operations.
  4. Inadequate supply of hot and cold water.

### **REGULATION 5. Adoption of International Codes**

Conformance with the following requirements or similar requirements must be adhered to for the determination of Maricopa County Environmental Health Code compliance with plumbing and

mechanical codes. The current plumbing code, as adopted by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and as amended by Section 301 of Chapter 3 of the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department's Local Additions & Addenda shall be adhered to for code compliance. This material is on file with the Maricopa County Planning & Development Department and is available at <https://www.maricopa.gov/2271/Ordinances-Regulations-and-Codes>.