

**LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU  
INFORMATION BULLETIN  
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FIRE/LIFE SAFETY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS:**

The following information is provided as a guide for charter schools within the City of Los Angeles. These minimum standards are in conjunction to the requirements of Los Angeles Unified School District and Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. They shall include but not be limited to provide:

- Occupancy classification, location on property and construction type of building;
- Allowable area and actual area calculations for the building;
- How sprinklers would effect the building construction or allowable area;  
California Building Code:
  - Section 508 Fire resistive substitutions
  - 505.3 Increase allowable area
  - 506 Increase allowable height

The following identified subject areas and related code chapters and sections are based on the California Fire Code (2001) and California Building Code (2001).

California Building Code:

Section 305 Requirements for E Occupancies

- 305.2.2 Special Provisions
- 305.2.4 Special Hazards
- 305.3 Location On Property
- 305.4 Means of Egress ( Section 1007.3)
- 305.7 Sprinkler Requirements ( Section 904.2.1)
- 305.9 Fire Alarm
  - California Fire Code ( Section 1006.2.4 Except 1006.2.4.2 )

Section 904.2.1 Sprinkler requirements

- 904.2.4.1 Exceptions 1 and 2.
- 904.2.4.2 Basements
- 904.2.4.3 Stairs
- 904.2.1.4.4 Special Provisions
  - California Fire Code Appendix III-AA and III-BB

Section 1007.3 Means of Egress for E Occupancies:

- 1007.3.2 Separate means of egress
- 1007.3.3 Travel distance

- 10076.3.4 Travel through intervening rooms.
- 1007.3.5 Hallways, Corridors, and Exterior Exit Balconies.
- 1007.3.6 Stairways
- 1007.3.7 Exits serving auditoriums.
- 1007.3.8 Laboratories
- 1007.3.9 Basements
- 1007.3.10 Panic Hardware
- 1007.3.11 Fences, Gates and Safety Dispersal Areas
- 1007.3.12 Floor-level exit signs

Fire Alarm System:

- California Fire Code 1006.2.4 E Occupancies
- 1006.2.4.2 Smoke Detectors
- 1006.2.3 Exterior Alarm Signaling device.

The intent of this informational bulletin is to provide consistency and a clearer understanding of the minimum requirements for charter schools within the City of Los Angeles. They represent minimum requirements and do not supersede those requires of ADA or the State Fire Marshall.

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