## AREA STANDARDS



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### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Education Area Standards prescribes areas and other standards established by the Ministry of Education for space in elementary, middle and secondary schools. These standards apply to all facilities that are to be either newly constructed or enlarged. The standards are also to be used to establish the nominal capacity of existing schools.

Sections 2.5.2, 2.5.3 (Elementary), 2.7.5, 2.7.6 (Middle) and 2.8.4, 2.8.5 (Secondary) provide examples for calculating allowable areas.

The Area Standards also prescribes areas and other standards for sites and grounds and district service facilities.

### 2.2 AREA STANDARD POLICIES

### 2.2.1 Nominal Capacity

Term nominal capacity can be defined by the following definitions:

- existing or being something in name or form only
- of, being, or relating to a designated or theoretical size that may vary from the actual: APPROXIMATE.

In this document nominal capacity represents the student capacity of a school based on the following capacities per instructional space:

- Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle \& Secondary

20 pupils per classroom
25 pupils per classroom
25 pupils per classroom and vocational module.

The nominal capacity for each new and existing school shall be based on the space standards for elementary, middle and secondary schools. The nominal capacity will form a base line capacity which will remain fixed, subject only to changes being made in physical space that would effect the nominal capacity and adjustments in the space standards. Examples include additions and/or renovations.

To accommodate capacity adjustments for grade structure and classroom student capacity, the nominal capacity will be adjusted to an operating capacity.

### 2.2.2 Operating Capacity:

The operating capacity of a school is determined by adjusting the nominal capacity to reflect grade structure and classroom student capacity. The operating capacity and nominal capacity may be the same value, as will be the case for most middle and secondary schools.

As an example, based on the following grade structure and classroom student capacity:

- Classroom Student Capacity: - Kindergarten 19
- Grades 1-3 21
- Grades 4-7 25
- Grade Structure:
- K to 7
- Average Classroom 1-7 Capacity:
- 23.29

The determination of area allowances to accommodate 33 kindergarten and 235 elementary students will result in a school with a nominal capacity of 40 kindergarten and 275 elementary pupils and an operating capacity of 38 kindergarten and 256 elementary pupils.

Local trends shall be taken into account when determining the most appropriate nominal capacity. For example, elementary enrolment projections and
population growth rates may justify a nominal capacity of 400 in an area where enrolments are increasing, but only 375 where future increases seem unlikely. Based upon actual enrolment figures and future projections the nominal capacity and the corresponding operating capacity must be agreed to by the Ministry.

To determine the nominal and operating capacities of existing schools the areas of the existing school are compared to the area standards that most closely approximates the areas of the subject school. The nominal and operating capacities calculated for an existing school must be agreed to by the Ministry.

Note: The Ministry's designated nominal and operating capacity is used to make comparisons across the province, and is not a mandated or maximum capacity. School boards determine their own operating capacities, based on local decisions, and subject to the limits established by the School Act.

### 2.2.3 Area Measurement

## $\underline{\text { Room or Module Areas }}$

Room or module area will be measured net within the inside surfaces of main enclosing walls and partitions.

## Undefined Boundaries

Sometimes the boundary between circulation and other spaces such as libraries is not clearly defined. For calculation of allowable areas when this is so, passageways shall be assumed to be not less than 2 m wide where circulation is likely.

## Mezzanines

With the exception of Industrial Education mezzanine storage, mezzanines shall be measured and considered as normal floor space

## Stages

Stage areas are generally included as part of the main space served such as drama, physical education, or multi-purpose space. For example, a stage in a drama room would be included in the area of the drama module. Small stages which exist in many elementary gymnasiums, that are too small to be used for physical education, may be included as design space. If a stage is being used for some other purpose for example, storage, the space should be included under function of its current use.

## Ancillary Rooms

Ancillary spaces that are less than $40 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, such as seminar rooms, storage rooms, workrooms, and elementary cloakrooms, shall be measured as part of the main instructional space only when directly accessible from that space. Seminar rooms $40 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ and larger shall be measured as instructional space, regardless of access.

## Large Elementary Classrooms

When measuring an existing elementary school to calculate the allowable space for an addition or determine the existing nominal and operating capacities, general instruction rooms shall be recorded as follows:

- General instruction rooms between (80-120 $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ ) shall be recorded as only $80 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$. The extra area is to be allocated to design space.
- General instruction rooms between (40-79 $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ ) or exceeding $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ shall be recorded in full as the actual area.

The need for new space will take into account the best use and possible adaptation of any undersized rooms and extra area.

## Gross Area

The gross area of a building floor is defined as the floor area within the inside of the exterior walls, plus a standard allowance calculated by multiplying the building perimeter (measured at the interior face) times 150 mm .

The following area calculations shall be included in the definition of facility gross floor area:

- stair openings, measured at the first floor, including stairs to rooftop penthouses
- elevator and duct shafts measured at each floor
- mezzanines including access stairs
- mechanical and electrical spaces, including all penthouse, basement and mezzanine locations (service spaces to be identified separately)
- galleries and suspended walkways, including access stairs
- all other usable or accessible floor areas.

Excluded areas from the calculations are as follows:

- industrial education storage mezzanines
- crawl spaces or service tunnels
- elementary covered play areas
- industrial education covered work areas.


### 2.2.4 Classroom Size

The area of a new classroom including ancillary space shall not be less than $75 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$.

### 2.2.5 Exceptions

The following situations will be treated as exceptions to the prescribed area allowances and dealt with as described.

## Substandard Space

Space in an existing school which is determined by the Ministry to be substandard will be exempted from the area allowances. Examples include a basement with insufficient ceiling height or a classroom located under a gymnasium.

## Non-Standard Grades

If the area standards are inappropriate due to local programming or a nonstandard grade structure which falls outside of scope of the area standards, area shall be allocated during the program stage as required. For example in a small elementary/secondary school.

## Special Education

Area allowances for special education programs, such as learning assistance, are included in the core requirements given in sections 2.5.1., 2.7.1. and 2.8.1.

## Supplementary Special Education

Area allowances for supplementary programs, Type 1 - high incidence and Type 2 - low incidence, are included in the core requirements given in sections 2.5.1., 2.7.1 and 2.8.1.

## Non-Standard Programs

A School Board may wish to offer programs such as agriculture for which no standard module area has been established in sections 2.7.4 and 2.8.3. Such spaces will be designed on an individual basis and replace equivalent secondary modules within the standard allowances, subject to the approval of the Ministry.

## Expansion

Where the rate of population and enrolment growth support the need for additional expansion within five years, modifications to the area standards may be allowed in a staged plan if necessary to facilitate future expansion. For example, admin./health and media/tech. centre areas would be sized to support the final nominal/operating capacity. The areas of the final stage plan shall comply with the area standards.

## Existing Schools

The allowable amount of design space may be insufficient to accommodate additions to schools with inefficient layouts. When planning an addition or modification to an existing school, an increase in the allowable design space will be supported to accommodate the approved addition.

### 2.2.6 Area Requirements

The core areas provided in sections 2.5.1, 2.7.1 and 2.8.1. shall be at least $90 \%$ of the area standards, with the exception of general classrooms which shall be at least $100 \%$ of the area standard. All classrooms shall be at least 75 m 2 . In an actual design, some of the spaces may function better with an increased area. The allocation of core space and design space allowances within the defined limits permit variances to be accommodated. The more efficient the use of the design space allowance for circulation, etc., the more such space is available to supplement the core areas.

## Design Space

The allowance for design space provided in sections 2.5.1., 2.7.1 and 2.8.1 for elementary, middle and secondary schools, shall be the maximum that can be provided. Design space must be used for circulation, structure, washrooms, and similar service areas. When those essential facilities have been provided, design space may be used to supplement core and/ or elective areas.

## Mechanical Rooms

The net area of mechanical and electrical rooms will be considered as a core area based on a maximum of $3 \%$ of the remaining gross building area. Additional area, if required, shall be deducted from the design space allowance.

An increase to the 3\% allowance may be considered where there is demonstrated need.

## Gross Area

For new schools the total gross areas provided in sections 2.5.1, 2.7.1 and 2.8.1 for elementary, middle and secondary schools, is the maximum area that will be supported. For additions to existing schools an increase to the total gross area may be supported if, because of existing inefficiencies, the design space is insufficient to support the allowable new core and elective space.

### 2.3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### 2.3.1 Allowable Areas

The total allowable gross area of an elementary school with a nominal capacity within a range of 50-800 plus kindergarten pupils shall be the sum of the following:

- the core areas derived from section 2.5.1
- kindergarten instruction area and design space as described in section 2.3.3
- other areas, if allowable.


### 2.3.2 Nominal Capacity Vs Operating Capacity

Elementary school nominal capacity area standards assume a classroom capacity of 25 pupils. The operating capacity of a school is based on the current average classroom capacity and the grade structure. For example, grade $K$ to 5 and K to 6 schools with a grade 1 to 3 classroom capacity of 21 and a grade 4 to 6 classroom capacity of 25 will have different operating capacities but could have the same nominal capacities.

### 2.3.3 Kindergarten

Elementary schools with a 150 nominal capacity and above may provide kindergarten facilities in addition to the accommodation for elementary students.

For schools less than 150 nominal capacity, kindergarten students may either be included in the general calculations on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis or calculated separately at Ministry discretion, depending on local distribution of grades and enrolment forecasts.

The kindergarten classroom area allowance will be as follows:

- general instruction space $90 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$
- design space $20 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$

Each kindergarten module will retain a nominal capacity of 20 students while the operating capacity will be adjusted to reflect the current policy. For example, the 1998 kindergarten operating capacity of 20 was reduced to 19 in 2001.

### 2.3.4 Covered Play Areas

A covered play area not exceeding $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ (total roof area) may be added to an elementary school that meets the following criteria:

- A school will be eligible if it has a nominal capacity less than 175.
- All elementary schools in a district will be eligible if the district has one of the following conditions:
- annual precipitation exceeding 2000 mm
- more than 5000 degree days below $18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ per annum
- exceptional local conditions which create problems best solved by a covered play area.

The climatic data shall be derived from an approved official source such as the supplement to the National Building Code.

A covered play area may be paved and roofed, but not more than two sides may have walls or screens. Covered play areas shall not be counted within the gross building area.

### 2.4 AVERAGE CLASSROOM CAPACITIES

### 2.4.1 Elementary Average Classroom Capacities

Determining the nominal and operating capacity of an elementary school depends on the capacity per instruction room and the grade structure of the school. The current classroom capacities are as follows:

- Kindergarten
- Elementary grades 1 to 3
- Elementary grades 4 to 7

19pupils per classroom
21 pupils per classroom
25 pupils per classroom.

The following table, based the above current classroom capacity, gives the average elementary classroom capacities for a variety of grade structures. The average classroom capacities are to be used in the determination of nominal and operating capacities for new and existing schools.

| Grade Structure | Average <br> Classroom Capacity |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1-21.00$ |  |
| $1-2$ | 21.00 |
| $1-3$ | 21.00 |
| $1-4$ | 22.00 |
| $1-6$ | 22.60 |
| $1-7$ | 23.00 |
| $2-3$ | 23.29 |
| $2-4$ | 21.00 |
| $2-5$ | 22.33 |
| $2-6$ | 23.00 |
| $2-7$ | 23.40 |
| $3-4$ | 23.67 |
| $3-5$ | 23.00 |
| $3-6$ | 23.67 |
| $3-7$ | 24.00 |
| 4 and greater | 24.20 |
|  | 25.00 |

The average elementary classroom capacity for grades 1-8 to 1-12 schools is 23.29 .

### 2.4.2 Middle and Secondary Average Classroom Capacities

The current pupil capacity per construction module for middle and secondary schools is 25 . Since the nominal capacity is based on the same criteria, middle and secondary schools will have the same nominal and operating capacities.

### 2.5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA ALLOWANCES

### 2.5.1 Elementary Core Areas

| Space Functions | NOMINALCAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 200 | 225 | 250 | 275 | 300 | 325 | 350 | 375 | 400 | 425 |
| ADMIN./ HEALTH | 40 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| GEN. INSTRUCTION | 160 | 240 | 320 | 400 | 480 | 560 | 640 | 720 | 800 | 880 | 960 | 1040 | 1120 | 1200 | 1280 | 1360 |
| GEN. STORAGE | 20 | 20 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| GYM Activity | 100 | 150 | 150 | 265 | 265 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 |
| GYM ANCILLARY | 10 | 20 | 20 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| MEDIA/ TECH. CENTRE | 40 | 80 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| MULTI-PURPOSE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 80 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 100 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 180 | 180 | 180 | 200 |
| MECHANICAL | 15 | 25 | 30 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 60 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 75 | 80 | 80 | 85 | 90 | 90 |
| DESIGN SPACE | 100 | 150 | 190 | 260 | 280 | 330 | 365 | 390 | 410 | 450 | 480 | 490 | 515 | 535 | 560 | 580 |
| TOTAL | 525 | 785 | 1050 | 1390 | 1515 | 1785 | 1990 | 2095 | 2220 | 2425 | 2540 | 2655 | 2780 | 2895 | 3005 | 3125 |


| $\underline{\text { Space Functions }}$ | N OM INAL CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 450 | 475 | 500 | 525 | 550 | 575 | 600 | 625 | 650 | 675 | 700 | 725 | 750 | 775 | 800 |
| ADMIN./ HEALTH | 100 | 100 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| GEN. INSTRUCTION | 1440 | 1520 | 1600 | 1680 | 1760 | 1840 | 1920 | 2000 | 2080 | 2160 | 2240 | 2320 | 2400 | 2480 | 2560 |
| GEN. STORAGE | 70 | 70 | 70 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| GYM ACTIVITY | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 | 380 |
| GYM ANCILLARY | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| MEDIA/ TECH. CENTRE | 180 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 210 | 220 | 220 | 220 | 220 |
| MULTI-PURPOSE | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | 200 | 200 | 200 | 240 | 240 | 260 | 260 | 260 | 260 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| MECHANICAL | 95 | 100 | 100 | 105 | 110 | 115 | 115 | 120 | 120 | 125 | 130 | 130 | 135 | 140 | 140 |
| DESIGN SPACE | 600 | 620 | 645 | 690 | 700 | 715 | 740 | 760 | 775 | 800 | 815 | 840 | 860 | 880 | 900 |
| TOTAL | 3230 | 3355 | 3470 | 3650 | 3745 | 3865 | 3980 | 4095 | 4190 | 4320 | 4420 | 4535 | 4660 | 4765 | 4865 |

Note: Each kindergarten module may have $90 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ general instruction and $20 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ design space added to core area allowance derived from the above figures. See section 2.3.3.

### 2.5.2 Design Aid Sheet For New Elementary Schools

Example: New elementary school for 33 kindergarten and 248 elementary students.

| Data: | Student Classroom Capacity | - Kindergarten | 38 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | - Grades 1-3 | 21 |
|  | - Grades 4-7 | 25 |  |
|  | Grade Structure | - K to 7 |  |
|  | Average Classroom Capacity | -23.29 (from 2.4.1) |  |

a) determine the number of classrooms required and elementary nominal capacity:

- number of classrooms
$=(248 / 23.29)=10.65(11)$
- nominal capacity
$=11 \times 25^{*}=275 \quad$ (* N.C. average classroom capacity)
b) determine the number of kindergarten classrooms required:
$\bullet$ enrolment/kindergarten capacity $\quad=33 / 19=1.74(2)$
c) determine the operating capacity
- kindergarten portion $\quad=(2 \times 19)=38$
- elementary portion $=$ (no. of classrooms $x$ average classroom capacity)

$$
=(11 \times 23.29)=256
$$

Operating capacity $=38 \mathrm{Kgn}+256$ Elem.
d) determine the nominal capacity:

- kindergarten portion $\quad=(2 \times 20)=40$
- elementary portion from (a)
$\underline{\text { Nominal capacity }=40 \mathrm{Kgn}+275 \text { Elem. }}$
e) record elementary core areas from 2.5 .1 for a 275 nominal capacity elementary school.
f) record kindergarten area from 2.3 .3 and add the kindergarten design area to core design area from 2.5.1.



### 2.5.3 Design Aid Sheet For Existing Elementary Schools

## Example:

Determine the area allowance to increase an existing elementary's capacity to support 47 kindergarten and 407 elementary grades 1-7 elementary students.
Procedure:
a) measure the existing school areas as per section 2.2.3 and enter the areas into the design aid sheet in the required categories.
b) calculate the operating and nominal capacities following the same method used to determine the capacities for a new school in section 2.5.2. (nominal capacity $=60$ kindergarten and 450 elementary, operating capacity $=$ 57 kindergarten and 419 elementary)
c) record core areas from 2.5 .1 for a 450 nominal capacity elementary school.
d) record the kindergarten area allowance for three kindergarten classrooms from 2.3.3 and add the kindergarten design area to the core design area from 2.5.1.
e) determine the space required to increase the existing school's area to, as closely as possible, approximate the area allowable for a nominal capacity school for 60 kindergarten and 450 elementary students.

## DESIGN AID SHEET FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

| School Name: | EXAMPLE ELEMENTARY |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| District: | XX (EXAMPLE DISTRICT) |  |  |  |
| School Capacity: | - Nominal: | Kindergarten - | 60 | Elementary - |
|  | - Operating: | Kindergarten - | 57 | Elementary - |

Grades: $\quad \mathrm{K}$ to $\mathbf{7}$


This sheet is for use with the procedures in the Ministry of Education - Area Standards


Comments: | Estimated design space required to accommodate the following: |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Instruction | 800 m 2 |
| Gen. Storage | 55 |
| Gym. Ancillary | 29 |
| Media/Tech. | 36 |
| Sped. Ed. | 81 |
| Kindergarten | 180 |
|  | $1,181 \mathrm{~m} 2$ |

Design space estimate: $23.5 \% \times 1,181 \mathrm{~m} 2=278 \mathrm{~m} 2$

* Other:

Other:

### 2.6 MIDDLE AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### 2.6.1 Middle School Allowable Areas

The total gross allowable area of a middle school with a nominal capacity within a range of 200-1000 pupils shall be the sum of the following:

- the minimum core areas standards from sections 2.7.1 and 2.7.2
- elementary general instruction space from section 2.7.3
- elective areas derived from section 2.7.4
- other areas, if allowable.

The areas derived from sections 2.7 .1 and 2.7 .4 shall be applicable to grades 6-8 as well as grades 7-9. Middle schools with a nominal capacity outside the 2001000 range will be dealt with on an individual basis. See also section 2.2.5

### 2.6.2 Secondary School Allowable Areas

The total gross allowable area of a middle school with a nominal capacity within a range of 200-2500 pupils shall be the sum of the following:

- the minimum core areas standards from sections 2.8.1 and 2.8.2
- elective areas derived from section 2.8.3
- other areas, if allowable.

The areas derived from sections 2.8 .1 and 2.8 .3 shall be applicable to grades 8 to 12 . Schools with a nominal capacity outside the 200-2500 range will be dealt with on an individual basis. See also section 2.2.5

### 2.6.3 Elective Areas

The selection of elective modules must be in consultation with the Ministry, and will normally be from sections 2.7.4 and 2.8.3.

In making a selection of elective modules, alternative combinations should be considered. The use of multi-purpose space and any surplus design space should be taken into account.

The area of a module may be modified for a specific project or approved for a program not shown in sections 2.7.4 and 2.8.3, with the written agreement of the Ministry.

In middle schools and smaller secondary schools, single function academic/vocational modules might become under-used. In such cases, dual and/or multi-use module shall be calculated individually, based on demonstrated need, and agreed in writing by the Ministry.

### 2.6.4 Industrial Education Covered Work Area

In addition to the allowable areas for Industrial Education a roofed, fenced, and paved work area not exceeding $65 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ may be added to each construction, mechanics and middle school general shop. The area of the sawdust extraction equipment room may included either in the covered work area or in the construction shop allowable area, at School Board discretion.

Covered work areas shall not be counted within the gross building area.

### 2.6.5 Teaching Kitchen

With the approval of the Ministry, a teaching kitchen may be permitted for a school enrolling at least 600 students in grades 11 and 12.

### 2.7 MIDDLE SCHOOL AREA ALLOWANCES

### 2.7.1 Middle School Core Areas

- Junior middle school - grades 6 to 8
- Senior middle school - grades 7 to 9



### 2.7.2 Secondary Core and Elective Modules

The following figures are used with 2.6.4 to select the core and elective Academic/Vocational facilities for agreed nominal capacity of secondary students.

| Secondary |  | Core General | Elective | Core | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capacity | Science | Instruction | Modules | Modules | Modules |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |
| 50 |  |  | 3 |  | 3 |
| 75 |  |  | 4 |  | 4 |
| 100 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| 125 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 150 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 175 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| 200 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 225 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 250 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| 275 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| 300 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| 325 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 14 |
| 350 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 375 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 16 |
| 400 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 17 |
| 425 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 18 |
| 450 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 19 |
| 475 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| 500 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| 525 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 21 |
| 550 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 22 |
| 575 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 23 |
| 600 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
| 625 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 25 |
| 650 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 26 |
| 675 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 27 |
| 700 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 28 |
| 750 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 30 |
| 800 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 32 |
| 850 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 4 | 33 |
| 900 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 35 |
| 950 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 37 |
| 1000 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 39 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

If a district shows that the standards are not suited to the programs being offered the allocation of space will be reviewed at the building program stage. When selecting the core and elective modules, note the possible alternatives described in 2.6.3.

### 2.7.3 Middle School Elementary Classrooms

A classroom must be supplied for each 25 elementary pupils. Determine the area allowance for elementary classroom space as follows:

$$
\frac{\text { agreed nominal capacity of elementary students }}{25} \times 80 \mathrm{~m}^{2}
$$

### 2.7.4 Middle School Module Areas

The following areas are used with 2.7.2 to select the core and elective Academic/Vocational modules.

| Space Function | Module Area |
| :--- | :---: |
| General Instruction | $80 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Science (incl. ancillary) | $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Fine Arts (incl. ancillary |  |
| Choral Music | $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Art | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Drama \& Theatre | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Music | $160 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Industrial Education | $110 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Drafting | $125 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Technology | $155 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| General Shop |  |
| Home Economics | $110 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Separate Clothing or Foods Room | $140 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Combined Clothing/Foods Room | $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Business Education |  |

Excepting general instruction modules which must be at least $75 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, new modules shall be at least 90 percent of the standard area given above. New modules between 90-100 percent or existing facilities $90-120$ percent of the standard area shall have a rating of 1.0.

New modules may be larger than the standard area. The amount of any additional area shall be included in the Design Aid Sheet, either as design space of elective space. In the latter case, the rating shall be calculated as follows:

Module Rating $=\frac{\text { actual area of module }}{\text { area of equivalent module in 2.7.4 }}$

Where two or more subjects are combined into one facility
(e.g., technology/ wood construction), the area shall be calculated individually, based on demonstrated need, and agreed in writing by the Ministry.

### 2.7.5 Design Aid Sheet For New Middle School

Procedure - Sheet \#1
a) Determine the number of secondary core and elective modules from section 2.7.2
b) Calculate the number of elementary classrooms from section 2.7.3
c) Select the new core and new elective Academic/Vocational modules from section 2.7.4

Procedure - Sheet \#2
a) Select the core Service/ Activity space from section 2.7.1
b) Enter the maximum gross area


* Note - May not be used except for spaces agreed in writing by the Ministry.



## Comments:

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### 2.7.6 Design Aid Sheet For Existing Middle School

## Procedure

a) Measure the existing areas as per section 2.2.3 and enter into the design aid sheet in the required categories.
b) Calculate the Allowable areas following the same method used to determine the allowable space for a new school.

## Sheet \#1

- Determine the number of secondary core and elective modules from section 2.7.2
- Calculate the number of elementary classrooms from section 2.7.3
- Select the new core and new elective Academic/Vocational modules from section 2.7.4


## Sheet \#2

- $\quad$ Select the core Service/ Activity space from section 2.7.1
- Enter the maximum gross area
c) Determine the space required to increase the existing school's area to, as closely as possible, approximate the area allowances for a 600 nominal capacity junior middle school.

* Note - May not be used except for spaces agreed in writing by the Ministry.


## DESIGN AID SHEET FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS -- SHEET \#2

(See Sheet \#1 for base information)
EXAMPLE - JUNIOR MIDDLE SCHOOL


## Comments:

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Estimated design space required to support the following new space:
New core }312\mathrm{ m2
Gen. Storage 
Media/Tech. }3
Multi-Purpose }\quad\underline{538
Design space estimate: }28.0%\times538\textrm{m}2=151\textrm{m}
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### 2.8 SECONDARY SCHOOL AREA ALLOWANCES

### 2.8.1 Secondary School Core Areas

|  | NOMIN AL CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Space Function | 200 | 250 | 300 | 350 | 400 | 450 | 500 | 550 | 600 | 650 | 700 |
|  | Core area in (m2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Admin./ Health | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 175 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Counselling | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 70 | 70 | 70 |
| General Storage | 60 | 60 | 70 | 70 | 80 | 80 | 90 | 90 | 100 | 100 | 110 |
| Gym Activity | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 | 900 | 900 |
| Gym Ancillary | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | 160 | 160 |
| Media / Tech Centre | 270 | 270 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 360 | 360 | 360 |
| Multi-Purpose | 80 | 80 | 80 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 |
| Special Ed. | 80 | 80 | 80 | 100 | 100 | 160 | 160 | 180 | 200 | 220 | 240 |
| Mechanical Space (3\%) | 80 | 90 | 95 | 105 | 115 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 |
| Design Space (28\%) | 745 | 820 | 900 | 995 | 1075 | 1205 | 1315 | 1390 | 1480 | 1600 | 1675 |
| Total | 2290 | 2375 | 2500 | 2705 | 2805 | 3180 | 3455 | 3560 | 3750 | 4060 | 4175 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instructional Space | 1200 | 1460 | 1700 | 1940 | 2220 | 2460 | 2700 | 2940 | 3180 | 3420 | 3660 |
| Max. Gross Area | 3490 | 3835 | 4200 | 4645 | 5025 | 5640 | 6155 | 6500 | 6930 | 7480 | 7835 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | NOMIN AL CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Space Function | 750 | 800 | 850 | 900 | 950 | 1000 | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 |
|  | Core area in (m2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Admin./ Health | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 240 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 |
| Counselling | 70 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| General Storage | 110 | 110 | 110 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 130 | 130 | 140 | 140 | 140 |
| Gym Activity | 900 | 900 | 1050 | 1200 | 1200 | 1200 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 |
| Gym Ancillary | 160 | 160 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 |
| Media / Tech Centre | 380 | 380 | 380 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 440 | 440 | 440 | 460 | 460 |
| Multi-Purpose | 240 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 |
| Special Ed. | 240 | 280 | 280 | 300 | 320 | 340 | 380 | 420 | 450 | 490 | 530 |
| Mechanical Space (3\%) | 185 | 195 | 210 | 220 | 225 | 235 | 255 | 270 | 285 | 300 | 315 |
| Design Space (28\%) | 1745 | 1830 | 1950 | 2050 | 2115 | 2190 | 2380 | 2515 | 2650 | 2790 | 2925 |
| Total | 4270 | 4485 | 4880 | 5190 | 5295 | 5440 | 5900 | 6090 | 6280 | 6495 | 6685 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instructional Space <br> Max. Gross Area | 3900 | 4080 | 4240 | 4400 | 4600 | 4800 | 5240 | 5680 | 6120 | 6560 | 7000 |
|  | 8170 | 8565 | 9120 | 9590 | 9895 | 10240 | 11140 | 11770 | 12400 | 13055 | 13685 |
| Max. Gross Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | NOMIN AL CAPACITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Space Function | 1600 | 1700 | 1800 | 1900 | 2000 | 2100 | 2200 | 2300 | 2400 | 2500 |  |
|  | Core area in (m2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Admin./ Health | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 |  |
| Counselling | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |  |
| General Storage | 150 | 150 | 150 | 160 | 160 | 160 | 170 | 170 | 170 | 170 |  |
| Gym Activity | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 |  |
| Gym Ancillary | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 | 280 |  |
| Media / Tech Centre | 460 | 480 | 480 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 540 | 540 | 540 | 540 |  |
| Multi-Purpose | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 |  |
| Special Ed. | 570 | 600 | 640 | 680 | 710 | 750 | 780 | 820 | 860 | 890 |  |
| Mechanical Space (3\%) | 330 | 345 | 360 | 375 | 390 | 410 | 425 | 440 | 455 | 4400 |  |
| Design Space (28\%) | 3075 | 3215 | 3350 | 3505 | 3645 | 3805 | 3965 | 4110 | 4255 | 470 |  |
| Total | 6955 | 7160 | 7350 | 7590 | 7775 | 8055 | 8310 | 8510 | 8710 | 8900 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Instructional Space | 7440 | 7880 | 8320 | 8800 | 9280 | 9760 | 10240 | 10720 | 11200 | 11680 |  |
| Max. Gross Area | 14395 | 15040 | 15670 | 16390 | 17055 | 17815 | 18550 | 19230 | 19910 | 20580 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 2.8.2 Secondary Core and Elective Modules

The following figures are used with 2.8 .3 to select the core and elective Academic/Vocational facilities for an agreed nominal capacity.

| Secondary |  | Core General | Elective | Core | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capacity | Science | Instruction | Modules | Modules | Modules |
| 200 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 250 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| 300 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| 350 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 400 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 17 |
| 450 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 19 |
| 500 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| 550 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 22 |
| 600 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
| 650 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 26 |
| 700 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 4 | 28 |
| 750 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 30 |
| 800 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 4 | 32 |
| 850 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 4 | 33 |
| 900 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 35 |
| 950 | 4 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 37 |
| 1000 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 4 | 39 |
| 1100 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 4 | 44 |
| 1200 | 4 | 15 | 25 | 4 | 48 |
| 1300 | 5 | 16 | 26 | 4 | 51 |
| 1400 | 5 | 17 | 29 | 4 | 55 |
| 1500 | 5 | 18 | 32 | 4 | 59 |
| 1600 | 6 | 20 | 34 | 4 | 64 |
| 1700 | 6 | 21 | 37 | 4 | 68 |
| 1800 | 6 | 22 | 40 | 4 | 72 |
| 1900 | 7 | 24 | 41 | 4 | 76 |
| 2000 | 7 | 25 | 44 | 4 | 80 |
| 2100 | 8 | 27 | 45 | 4 | 84 |
| 2200 | 8 | 28 | 48 | 4 | 88 |
| 2300 | 9 | 29 | 50 | 4 | 92 |
| 2400 | 9 | 30 | 53 | 4 | 96 |
| 2500 | 9 | 31 | 56 | 4 | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

These core and elective figures are based on a grade 8-12 configuration. If a district shows that the stand ards are not suited to a different configuration, the allocation of space will be reviewed at the building program stage.

When selecting the core and elective modules, note the possible alternatives described in 2.6.3.

### 2.8.3 Secondary Module Areas

The following areas are used with 2.8.2 to select the core and elective Academic/Vocational modules.
Space Function Module Area

| General Instruction | $80 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Science (incl. ancillary) | $140 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Fine Arts (incl. ancillary |  |
| Choral Music | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Art | $140 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Drama \& Theatre (200-950 nominal cap.) | $150 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Drama \& Theatre (1000+ nominal cap.) | $250 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Music | $180 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Industrial Education | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Drafting | $140 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Technology (existing Electricity/Electronics) | $200 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Metalwork (use in determining existing cap.) | $230 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Mechanics | $275 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Construction (Wood) |  |
| Seonomics | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Separate Clothing or Foods Room | $160 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Combined Clothing/Foods Room | $180 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Teaching Kitchen | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Business Education | $120 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ |
| Computers |  |

Excepting general instruction modules which must be at least $75 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, new modules shall be at least 90 percent of the standard area given above. New modules between 90-100 percent or existing facilities $90-120$ percent of the standard area shall have a rating of 1.0.

New modules may be larger than the standard area. The amount of any additional area shall be included in the Design Aid Sheet, either as design space of elective space. In the latter case, the rating shall be calculated as follows:

Module Rating $=\frac{\text { actual area of module }}{\text { area of equivalent module in 2.8.3 }}$
Where two or more subjects are combined into one facility (e.g., technology/ wood construction), the area shall be calculated individually, based on demonstrated need, and agreed in writing by the Ministry.

The Extended Day Area Allowance will be applied to secondary space projects to provide the following:

- space for lounge, study or tutorial activities for those on-site students that are in excess of the nominal capacity but cannot be accommodated within existing non-occupied space
- a half locker for each of the additional students in excess of the nominal capacity
- a full locker plus storage cupboard to accommodate personal supplies and materials for each full time equivalent teacher
- additional design space for circulation, washrooms, etc.
- additional mechanical space

Secondary schools operating under an extended day format may add the following Extended Day Area Allowance to design space area described in 2.8.1.

| Secondary <br> Nominal <br> Capacity | Extended Day Capacity | Extended Day Area <br> Allowance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 200 | 250 | 35 |
| 250 | 300 | 35 |
| 300 | 375 | 50 |
| 350 | 425 | 50 |
| 400 | 500 | 70 |
| 450 | 550 | 70 |
| 500 | 625 | 85 |
| 550 | 675 | 85 |
| 600 | 750 | 100 |
| 650 | 800 | 100 |
| 700 | 875 | 120 |
| 750 | 925 | 120 |
| 800 | 1000 | 135 |
| 850 | 1050 | 135 |
| 900 | 1125 | 150 |
| 950 | 1175 | 150 |
| 1000 | 1250 | 170 |
| 1100 | 1375 | 185 |
| 1200 | 1500 | 200 |
| 1300 | 1625 | 220 |
| 1400 | 1750 | 235 |
| 1500 | 1875 | 250 |
| 1600 | 2000 | 270 |
| 1700 | 2125 | 285 |
| 1800 | 2250 | 300 |
| 1900 | 2375 | 320 |
| 2000 | 2500 | 335 |
| 2100 | 2625 | 350 |
| 2200 | 2750 | 370 |
| 2300 | 2875 | 390 |
| 2400 | 3000 | 405 |
| 2500 | 3125 | 420 |
|  |  |  |

### 2.8.5 Design Aid Sheet For New Secondary Schools

Procedure - Sheet \#1
a) Determine the number of secondary core and elective modules from section 2.8.2
b) Select the new core and new elective Academic/Vocational modules from section 2.8.3.

Procedure - Sheet \#2
a) Select the core Service/ Activity space from section 2.8.1.
b) Enter the maximum gross area
c) If the Extended Day Area Allowance is applicable:

- add the area allowance from 2.8.4 to the design space area from 2.8.1.
- increase the Maximum gross area from 2.8.1 by the Extended Day Area Allowance



## DESIGN AID SHEET FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS -- SHEET \#2

(See Sheet \#1 for base information)


Comments:
Other: Includes the 100 m 2 extended day area allowance.

### 2.8.6 Design Aid Sheet For Existing Secondary Schools

## Procedure

a) Measure the existing areas as per section 2.2.3 and enter into the design aid sheet in the required categories.
b) Calculate the Allowable areas following the same method used to determine the allowable space for a new school.

## Sheet \#1

- Determine the number of secondary core and elective modules from section 2.8.2.
- Select the new core and new elective Academic/Vocational modules from section 2.8.3.


## Sheet \#2

- Select the core Service/ Activity space from section 2.8.1.
- Enter the maximum gross area.
c) Determine the space required to increase the existing school's area to, as closely as possible, approximate the area allowances for a 800 nominal capacity secondary school.

* Note - May not be used except for spaces agreed in writing by the Ministry.

DESIGN AID SHEET FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS -- SHEET \#2
(See Sheet \#1 for base information)
EXAMPLE SECONDARY


Comments:

| Design space required for the following new space: |
| :--- | :--- |
| New core $1,040 \mathrm{~m} 2$ <br> Admin./Health 18 <br> Gen. Storage 27 <br> Multi-purpose 240 <br> Sp. Ed. 89 <br>  $1,414 \mathrm{~m} 2$ <br> Design space estimate: $28 \% \times 1,414 \mathrm{~m} 2=396 \mathrm{~m} 2$  |

### 2.9 DISTRICT SERVICE FACILITIES

This section deals with shareable space standards for the following district service facilities:

- district administrative offices
- building maintenance shops
- vehicle maintenance shops
- central supplies stores.

The allowable areas for each type of district service facility may be added together if it is appropriate to combine more than one function in a single building or complex.

### 2.9.1 District Administrative Offices

District administrative offices may accommodate the following space functions:

- office space for staff
- boardroom and meeting rooms
- computer room
- ancillary space such as reception areas, circulation, lunchroom, washrooms, office storage, custodian's rooms, mechanical and electrical rooms, and a fire-proof vault.

The net shareable area of district administrative offices shall not exceed $100 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ plus $7.5 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ for every 100 FTE pupils enrolled in the district.

Parking spaces for staff and visitors will be shareable at the rate of one space for each trustee plus one space for every 500 FTE pupils enrolled in the district, or as required by municipal by-law. "Plug-ins" are acceptable where this is normal practice in a district.

### 2.9.2 Building Maintenance Facility

A building maintenance facility may accommodate the following functions:

- circulation space
- locker room
- lunchroom
- maintenance workshop(s) and ancillary areas
- mechanical and electrical space
- painting (dust-free) area
- storage for maintenance vehicles
- storage for materials
- supervisors and other staff officers
- washrooms and showers.

The net shareable area shall not exceed $200 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ plus $25 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ for every 500 FTE pupil enrolment (or part) up to a maximum total of $800 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$.

Staff parking will be shareable at the rate on one space for every 50 m 2 of shareable building area, or as required by municipal by-law. "Plug-ins" are acceptable where this is normal practice in a district.

### 2.9.3 Vehicle Maintenance Facility

A school board that owns and operates vehicles may construct a vehicle maintenance facility subject to justifying the economic feasibility of having its own workshop, as opposed to having vehicles privately serviced and repaired.

A vehicle maintenance facility may accommodate the following functions:

- circulation space
- locker room
- lunchroom
- maintenance workshop(s) and ancillary areas
- mechanical and electrical space
- supervisors' and other staff offices
- tire and parts storage
- washrooms and showers.

The maximum shareable area of a vehicle maintenance facility shall be determined by the number of vehicles as follows:

Fleet Size Workshop Space Administrative Space

| Up to 12 | 160 m 2 | 48 m 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $13-25$ | $232 \mathrm{m2}$ | 64 m 2 |
| $26-49$ | $324 \mathrm{m2}$ | 80 m 2 |
| $50 \&$ over | $432 \mathrm{m2}$ | 96 m 2 |

Not more than two maintenance hoists in the workshop area of a vehicle maintenance facility shall be shareable.

The grounds development of a vehicle maintenance facility include the following:

- parking sufficient for district vehicles
- protective fencing
- a concrete apron for wash down that may not exceed $90 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ and may be enclosed, in a district assessed as having more than 5000 degree days below $18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ per annum. (see the Supplement to the National Building Code)
- Staff parking up to one space for each bus, or as required by municipal bylaw. "Plug-ins" are acceptable where this is normal practice in a district.


### 2.9.4 Central Supply Storage

Where a district has a central storage system for school supplies, suitable building space may be constructed not exceeding a net area of $\mathbf{5 0} \mathrm{m}^{\mathbf{2}}$ plus $\mathbf{1 0} \mathrm{m}^{\mathbf{2}}$ for every 1000 FTE students enrolled in the district. Such space is likely to be attached to another building such as the district administrative offices.

### 2.10.1 Site Development Costs

All "essential" site development is a shareable cost. Essential work for schools shall include the items described below, plus any other item agreed to in writing by the ministry.

- Site preparation to clear, grade, drain and service the site to provide for the building and all other shareable site work.
- Playfield up to the areas described in section 2.10.2.
- Grass
- Access roads as reasonably required.
- Fire lanes where required by the B.C. Building Code.
- Asphalt paved parking up to one space for every twenty grades K-10 students, ten grades 11 and 12 students, and five staff, or as required by municipal by-law.
- Bus drop-off area.
- Paved pathways and entrance ways up to an area the equivalent of 2 metres around the perimeter of the building.
- Asphalt paved play areas up to $50 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, plus $50 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ for every 50 grades K-7 students.
- Grounds sprinkler systems.
- Sub-surface drainage systems in locations with demonstrated need.
- Fencing necessary for safety and school property protection purposes.
- One chainlink backstop for every 300 students.
- Essential steps, ramps and retaining walls, including associated handrails.
- Site lighting required for safety and loss protection.
- One flagstaff.
- Bike racks.
- Shrubs, trees, playground equipment, seats and other landscaping features up to 0.5 percent of the building cost.


### 2.10.2 Playfield Areas

| School Type | Nominal Capacity | Area |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary | $50-150$ | 0.5 ha |
|  | $175-600$ | 1.0 ha |
| Middle | $625-800$ | 1.2 ha |
|  |  |  |
|  | $200-400$ | 1.0 ha |
| Secondary | $450-700$ | 1.2 ha |
|  | $750-1000$ | 1.4 ha |
|  |  |  |
|  | $200-550$ | 2.2 ha |
|  | $600-1000$ | 3.0 ha |
|  | $1100-1500$ | 4.0 ha |
|  | $1600-2000$ | 5.0 ha |

### 2.10.3 School Site Areas

The required site area should be based on a reasonable estimate of the eventual maximum nominal capacity of the school.

New site areas described below for elementary, middle and secondary schools are subject to the following exceptions:

1. Additional area requirements for sewage lagoons and septic fields will be considered on an individual basis
2. Topographical and/or other environmental conditions will be considered in acquiring additional land for the school building and playfields
3. Bus drop-off areas will be considered only where busing is required.

| Nominal Capacity | Elementary |  | Middle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Secondary

### 2.10.4 Site Areas of District Service Facilities

Site areas of district service facilities should be kept to a reasonable minimum to accommodate the building and associated grounds facilities. The possibility of expansion should be taken into account, where appropriate.

