



doors swinging into the corridor presented a risk of injury to people in that corridor. Doors exiting a boiler room to the exterior are required to swing out, to the exterior.

This variance is applicable to all statewide public school facilities with the exception of New York City. For those who will need this information, the File No. is 6b-01, Case No. 1, IRC 14-6.8.

### **State Education Law 408-b Guidance:**

A recent change in the State Education Law, effective March 19, 2001, amended Education Law by adding Section 408-b. This new section requires every public and nonpublic school statewide to submit copies of school building plans and specifications to their respective local fire and law enforcement officials. The purpose of submitting plans and specifications is to ensure that both fire and law enforcement agencies have quick and easy access through school buildings as necessary for fire or law enforcement purposes.

The plans and specifications noted in the law do not necessarily refer to construction documents. The following list items that should be provided in the plans. Local fire and law enforcement agencies may provide schools within their areas with additional guidance.

- Locations of all exits
- Barriers, gates, or other impediments that may affect exiting or access
- Hazard areas such as chemical storage, flammable storage, maintenance areas, chemistry labs, etc.
- Confined spaces
- Utility shut-off for electric, gas, etc.
- Remote shut-offs for labs, kitchens, etc.
- Fire alarm panel and any annunciator panels
- Location of the fire department connections for standpipe and/or sprinkler systems
- Any installed fire protection systems and their locations - such as hood suppression systems, computer room systems, auditorium/stage sprinklers, etc.
- Fire hydrant locations
- Underground gas pipelines, underground storage tanks, etc.

Consult with the fire and law enforcement agencies in your area to learn how they want to receive this information. The agencies may want digital, paper or both media.

In addition to the submission of plans, revised plans need to be submitted to fire and law enforcement agencies when a reconstruction project takes place that alters the layout of the building.

For further information on Education Law 408-b, contact your local fire and law enforcement agencies or the State Education Department at 518-474-3906, Dave Clapp ([dclapp@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:dclapp@mail.nysed.gov)) or Laura Sahr ([lsahr@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:lsahr@mail.nysed.gov)).

If you would like to visit our web page to view the guidance information we have posted for the Section 408-b amendment, here is a hyperlink to it: [https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/SED\\_law\\_408-b\\_guidance\\_062801.html](https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/SED_law_408-b_guidance_062801.html)

If you would like further guidance on Project SAVE School Safety Plans, here is a hyperlink:

<https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/What'sNewItem/ProjectSaveWhatsNew.htm>

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