

Chapter Ind 56

SCHOOLS AND OTHER PLACES OF INSTRUCTION

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Ind 56.001 Scope. The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all public and private schools, universities, colleges, academies, seminaries, libraries, museums and art galleries; including all buildings or parts of buildings used primarily for instructional purposes.

Note: Section 101.02 (16) (a), Stats., exempts rural school buildings from the provisions of this code. See s. Ind 51.01 (114a) for definition of a rural school building.

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Ind 56.01 Maximum height. (1) Buildings occupied primarily by pupils up to and including grade 12 shall not exceed 4 stories or 48 feet in height.

(a) *Exception.* Buildings provided with complete automatic sprinkler or automatic smoke detection systems, occupied primarily by students of grades 9 through 12, shall be no more than 6 stories or 72 feet in height.

Note: Also see requirements for classes of construction.

History: 1-2-56; r. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; cr. Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

Ind 56.02 Classes of construction. (1) Every building not more than one story in height may be of type 7 or 8 construction as specified in s. Ind 51.03.

(2) Every 2-story building shall be not less than type 6 construction as specified in s. Ind 51.03 with the exception that all floors and their supports shall be at least noncombustible one-hour fire-resistive rating.

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(3) Every building 3 or more stories in height shall be of type 1 or 2 construction as specified in s. Ind 51.03.

(4) Auditoriums, gymnasiums or field houses, or those parts of buildings similarly used, shall comply with the following:

(a) Limitations when occupancy is restricted to first story or ground floor only.

Type of Construction	Maximum Number of Occupants in Any Room Used for Auditorium, Gymnasium, or Field House Purposes	
	With Stage	Without Stage
Type 1 and 2	No limit	No limit
Type 3 and 4	750	1500
Type 5 and 6	500	1000
Type 7 and 8	300	750

1. Exception. For unlimited capacity, the fire protection of structural steel supporting the roof may be omitted for one-story buildings meeting type 1, 2 and 3 construction provided the building has no ground or basement floors. Heavy timber columns and roof framing may be substituted for structural steel framing. The roof decking shall be of noncombustible or heavy timber construction.

(b) Limitations when occupancy is above the first story.

Type of Construction	Maximum Number of Occupants	No. of Stories
Type 1 and 2	No limit	See s. Ind 56.01†
Type 3 thru 6	400	2nd story
Type 3 thru 6	200	3rd and 4th story

†One smokeproof stair tower from the level of the assembly hall leading directly to the exterior at street grade shall be provided for every 750 persons capacity, or fraction thereof. These stairways shall be at least 44 inches wide and shall be in addition to other required stairways in the building.

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Ind 56.03 Protection of basement levels. (1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENT.** Buildings with basements shall at such levels be protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system as specified in s. Ind 51.23 or an approved automatic smoke detection system, as specified in s. Ind 51.245, either of which shall be electrically connected to the required fire alarm system.

Note: See s. Ind 51.245 for additional requirements pertaining to smoke detectors.

Note: Subsection (2) is effective 1-1-83.

FP (2) **RETROACTIVITY.** Existing buildings which do not conform to the requirements specified in sub. (1) on or after the effective date of this subsection shall comply with the following:

(a) The corridors in the basement shall be protected by an approved smoke detection system.

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