



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	May 16, 2007	Interpretation #	06-049
Topic	Placement of Fire Access Roads and Gates at Public Schools		
Code Section(s)	CHSC Sec. 13108 and 13143		
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Similar to SFM Interpretation #00-022, does the language in this interpretation also apply to public school buildings in terms of access, jurisdiction and authority (since public schools are considered state buildings under the provision of Education Code 39140 and not withstanding clarifications regarding fire access, roads, gates and fire flow for re-locatable buildings)?

No. Health and Safety Code (H&S) Section 13143 mandates the State Fire Marshal develop regulations for public schools. However, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) is responsible for the plan review and construction of public school buildings. In doing so, DSA utilizes California Fire Code (CFC) Appendix III-BB for fire hydrant locations and distribution. DSA works in cooperation with the local fire jurisdiction regarding the placement of fire access roads and gates. Upon completion of construction, enforcement of Title 19 resides with the local fire jurisdiction.