



Building permitting requirements for Public School Districts in Pima County

In accordance with A.R.S. § 34-461 public school districts in Pima County are required to adhere to one of the following two requirements:

- I. Obtain a building permit from the local jurisdiction for all regulated construction work (new construction and remodeling)

Or

- II. Forgo obtaining a building permit through adopting policies to provide requirements to be followed by licensed or registered professionals/contractors. At a minimum, these policies shall:
 - i. Include the method by which the public school district will notify the appropriate local government unit or units, and retain a record of the notification, that the public school district will not be using the permitting process for a given project.
 - ii. Prohibit a construction contractor from serving as a district's inspector and code compliance official on the same project for which the contractor is providing construction services.
 - iii. Require the architect of record for a given district project be responsible for signing the certificate of occupancy when such a certificate is required for that particular project.

Please note that public school districts are not exempt from the outdoor lighting code!