

HISFA

Ed Specs and Design Guidelines

Central Maui New Construction and
Major Renovations

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What are Ed Specs?

- Educational Specifications, or “Ed Specs,” are programming standards and planning concepts used to guide new school construction and major space renovations to create engaging and effective learning environments. Ed Specs will serve as the SFA’s guide to the architect and engineering community, providing a path for designers to work with SFA staff and school communities to define elements of the built environment that will best serve students. They will ensure the development of equitable facilities across the capital program.
- The Educational Specifications provide a framework for how new schools should be constructed and existing facilities modernized. While these Educational Specifications are intended to serve as a long-term guide for decision-making, they should be regarded as a living document requiring ongoing review and update to respond to constant changes to educational delivery, practices, strategies, and models.
- The Educational Specifications are a guide, and as such, should be applied to each school project in the context of site-specific circumstances and nuances.

Please note that some existing school facilities in their entirety and components thereof may be unable to undergo modifications to meet the standards outlined in these Educational Specifications. In these circumstances, deviations should be explicitly reviewed by SFA project staff. In some cases, decisions will need to be made on whether a new facility should be constructed.

Purpose

- Create higher quality learning environments
- Support a range of teacher pedagogies
- Provide a more streamlined and efficient development of campus
- Promote consistency across projects
- Achieve framework goals

Ed Specs
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Design Guidelines



**Standards for School
Facility Planning**
A guide to ensure the
development of equitable
facilities

What are Design Guidelines?

The Design Guidelines are a companion volume, developed simultaneously with the Educational Specifications.

- Provide direction and qualitative instructions about how to approach design
- They serve as a “how to” guide for major projects, highlighting important standards and delineating technical recommendations for project development
- Focus on key requirements

How are they used?

