



FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Background

The life of District facilities, which constitute a major capital investment, can be extended by timely and proper maintenance. An annual maintenance program shall be developed to provide repairs and preventative maintenance of the grounds, buildings, equipment, furniture, and fleet.

Maintenance activities will be initiated through:

- Standing activities such as custodial services, grass cutting, snow removal, and servicing crews.
- Requisitions raised by the building occupants.
- Requisitions raised by the maintenance staff.

The maintenance budget will be established annually during the budget development process.

Procedures

1. Work Orders

- 1.1 All non-emergency maintenance services work is carried out in response to requisition-generated work orders processed through the web-based District computerized maintenance management system.
- 1.2 Emergency work will be undertaken as expeditiously as possible, with a work order raised at the earliest convenience.

2. Maintenance Service Crews

- 2.1 Maintenance service crews may be deployed to provide maintenance to any existing parts of the building or the systems in the building such as carpentry, computer support, electrical, mechanical, and painting. Each facility has a maintenance staff member appointed as the main contact and staff person responsible for work at that site.
- 2.2 Work carried out by these crews slows or reverses the natural process of wear inherent in occupied buildings or provides repair for predictable 'wear and tear' problems.
- 2.3 Where service is provided, staff work on a schedule to ensure all schools have been visited regularly. Because schedules are subject to staff availability, and may be interrupted for extended periods of time, a formal calendar schedule is not available.
- 2.4 The list of corrective work to be undertaken shall be prioritized by the Principal and entered into the District computerized maintenance management system.



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- 2.5 When maintenance staff arrive at a site, they will report to the Principal to confirm the time frame they will be onsite. While there they will:
 - 2.5.1 Complete any non-emergent requisition items required to maintain the existing building, equipment, or components.
 - 2.5.2 Review other selected items to determine the need for maintenance on items not identified on work orders.
 - 2.5.3 Report back to the Principal all work carried out in the building and may request the generation of additional work orders to cover work done that was not identified on existing work order requests.

3. Emergency Calls

- 3.1 The following items are to be phoned in to the Director of Operations for consideration of immediate response:
 - 3.1.1 Waterline break.
 - 3.1.2 Vandalism such as a broken window or graffiti on the walls.
 - 3.1.3 Plugged drain causing flooding.
 - 3.1.4 Damage to a fire or intrusion alarm.
 - 3.1.5 Loss of power.
 - 3.1.6 Fire.
 - 3.1.7 Security problem such as an exterior door which will not lock.
 - 3.1.8 Loss of heat.
- 3.2 The response time may be adversely affected by the extent of similar problems throughout the District.

4. Grounds Crew – Winter Maintenance

- 4.1 The Director of Operations shall establish a schedule for grounds maintenance at each school during the period November to February.
- 4.2 The crew will carry out the following types of maintenance and repairs:
 - 4.2.1 Clean paved surfaces at site.
 - 4.2.2 Clean paved area sumps.
 - 4.2.3 Rake leaves and remove other debris from grounds area.
 - 4.2.4 Repair damaged chain link fencing.
 - 4.2.5 Upgrade old chain link fencing to current District standards.
 - 4.2.6 Prune and trim trees and shrubs as necessary and as weather will permit.
 - 4.2.7 Check and repair/replace playground equipment to eliminate safety hazards.



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Reference: Sections 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation
National Building Code
National Fire Code

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