Policy Name: Portable/Modular Classrooms without Emergency Voice/Alarm Communication System.

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Statement/Background of Issue

The emergency voice /alarm system is required by code in Educational Occupancies (Group E) with an occupant load of 100 or more. The 2012 International Fire Code (IFC, Section 404.2.3) addresses the development and implementation of lockdown plans. This requirement (EVAC) was developed to ensure that the level of life safety inside the building is not compromised during a lockdown. This specific requirement enhances the communication between the school administration, teachers and students when a lockdown plan is activated in Group E.

Division(s) Interpretation/Policy

This policy applies to Portable/Modular classrooms which are independently certified units and are placed on site as a cluster with or without attached decks and/or breezeways, and in aggregate may have occupant load exceeding 100. All the requirements noted below must be met:

A. No EVAC system is required as long as another form of communication (Radio, Intercom (wired or wireless), or Cell phone) is in place prior to use and occupancy.

B. A Manual Fire Alarm system must be installed as required by the applicable code(s).

C. This policy does not relieve this situation from any other requirements.

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