

Regulation Amendments for Multipurpose Room/Gymnasium Hybrid Facilities

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At the September 19, 2012 meeting, the State Allocation Board (SAB) approved regulatory amendments that allow the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) to recognize and calculate grants for Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid facilities under the Use of Grants (UOG), pursuant to School Facility Program Regulation Section 1859.77.3. The UOG regulation currently permits districts to divert new construction grants from classrooms to ancillary facilities such as multipurpose rooms, gymnasiums, libraries, and conference rooms (alternative education only). The current regulation did not anticipate hybrid facilities such as a combined multipurpose room/gymnasium in the same building. At the February 2012 meeting, the SAB directed OPSC to develop proposed regulations to address this scenario.

The topic was discussed at the June, July and August meetings of the SAB Implementation Committee. After analyzing square footage allowances for multipurpose rooms and gymnasiums under the Lease-Purchase Program and data provided by the California Department of Education, the OPSC proposed the following square footage amounts to calculate the number of pupil grants a school district may request to build a Multipurpose/Gymnasium Hybrid under the UOG:

Middle School MPR/Gym. Hybrid	Square Footage Per Pupil
Gymnasium	12.9
Food Service	2.0
Mechanical/Electrical	0.3
<i>Proposed Total</i>	<i>15.2</i>

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High School MPR/Gym. Hybrid	Square Footage Per Pupil
Gymnasium	15.3
Food Service	3.0
Mechanical/Electrical	0.3
<i>Proposed Total</i>	<i>18.6</i>

The Regulatory amendments will take effect after receiving Office of Administrative Law approval. Updates on this process will be listed in the [Regulatory Update](#) article *Building Blocks*.

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Pre-State Allocation Board Meeting Forum Recap:

At the September 19, 2012 Pre-State Allocation Board (SAB) Meeting Forum, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) provided presentations on the following topic:

- OPSC [Directory of Services](#)

A copy of the presentation is available in the [SAB Archives](#).

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