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Maintenance and Operations Administrative Guidelines for School Districts and Community Colleges

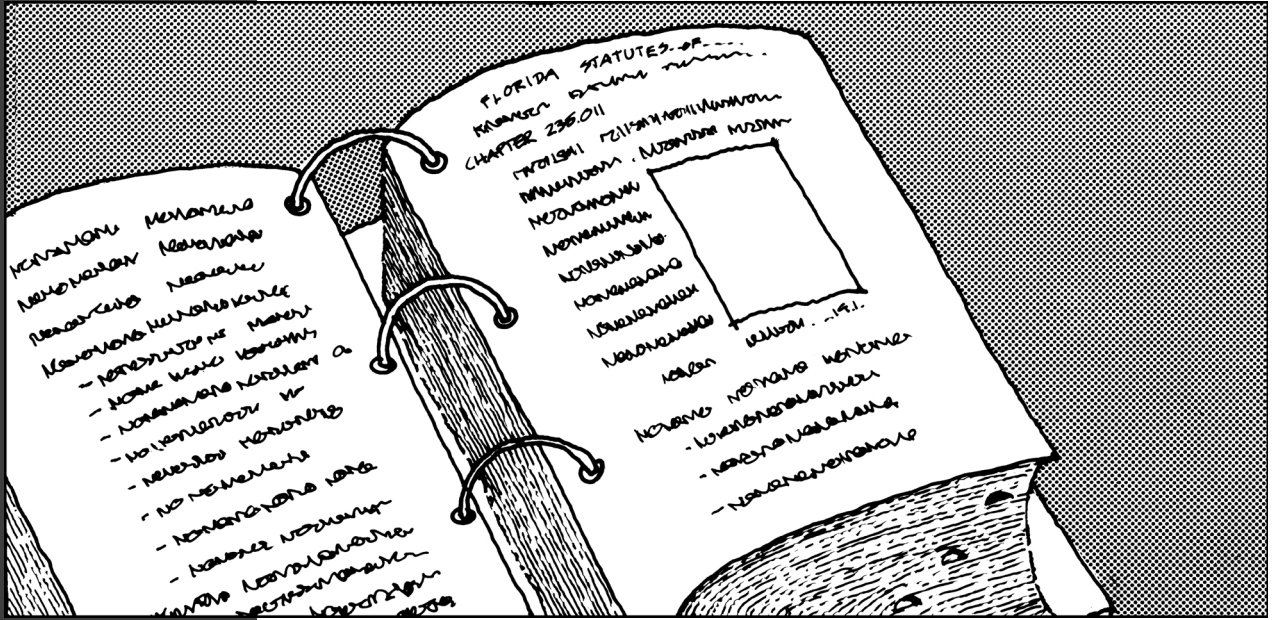
Laws and Statutory Requirements

Educational facilities in Florida are required to be maintained and operated in strict compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and statutes. Administrators are also required to provide the full range of maintenance, custodial, and grounds services in such a manner to protect the life, health, safety, and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

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Chapter 235, Florida Statutes

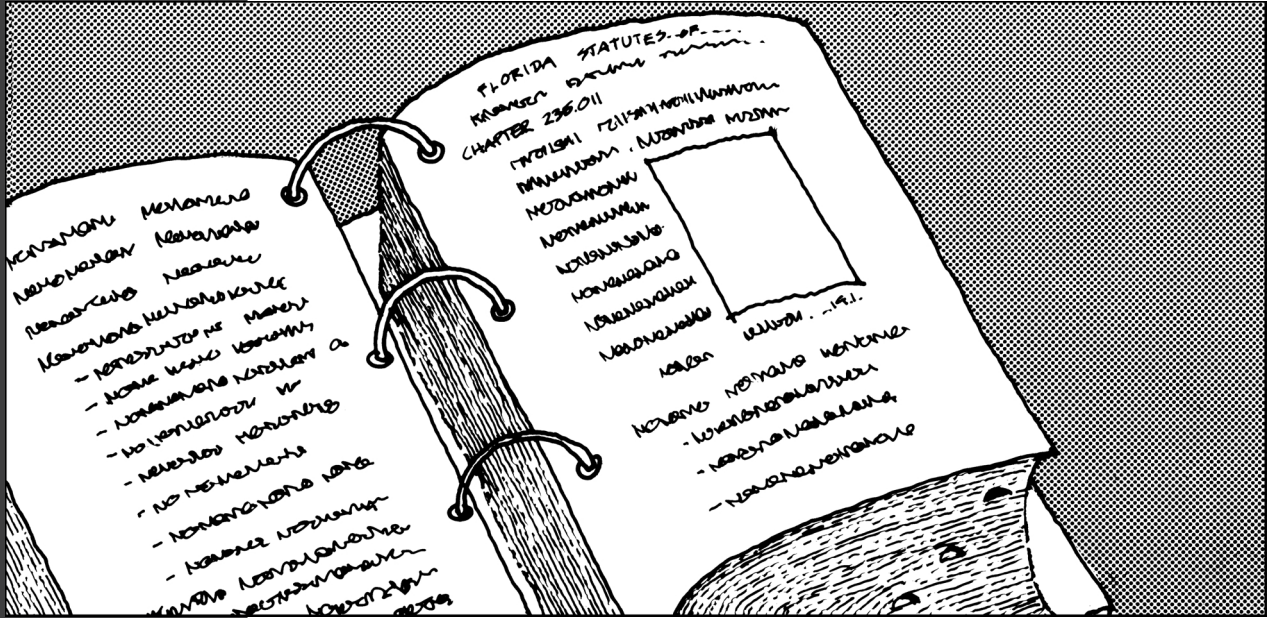


Section 235.185, Florida Statutes, defines the legal and statutory requirements for operating and maintaining school and community college facilities throughout the state. As part of the five-year requirement for a district facilities work program, this legislation further establishes the authority of local school boards and the State Board of Community Colleges to spend public funds *“...to adequately provide for the maintenance of the educational plant and ancillary facilities”*.

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State Board of Education Administrative Rules - Section 5



Section 5(1) of the Florida State Requirements for Educational Facilities mandates that local school boards and community colleges establish “ ... *policies and procedures for the maintenance, sanitation and housekeeping of existing facilities to ensure the health of its occupants*”. Relative to this requirement, these rules also establish a number of general criteria for a variety of maintenance and operations functions - from assessing existing physical conditions to maintaining sanitary standards.

For additional information on the legal and statutory requirements for maintaining and operating schools and community colleges, see Section 10, Relevant Codes, Standards, and Regulations.