This standard clarifies Harris County’s policies and interpretations for the relocation of Temporary Classroom Buildings.

Subject: Relocated/Portable Classroom (T-Building)

Purpose: School districts utilize temporary buildings to supplement occupancy of school buildings for additional space when needed. These buildings can be moved from school property to school property each school year dependent upon the need. This standard shall assist in determining Harris County’s needs for permitting and approval.

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Definition: Portable classroom buildings (T-Building). A building(s) built on skids, which is utilized by an Independent School District for the purpose of eliminating the shortage of classrooms in order to bring the student/teacher ratio into compliance with state law.

Requirements:

- A site plan indicating the location(s) of the portable classroom(s) meeting the height and area limitations of Chapter 5, (IBC-2018), and separation distance per table 602.
- A typical building plan showing means of egress, and occupant load (Chapter10, 2018 IBC & IFC), and compliance with Chapter 9 IFC-2018 Fire Protection Systems.
- The maximum exit access travel distance shall be 100 feet. A Design and Compliance Review Sheet is not required. These structures are subject to inspection by the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office.

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