
BULLETIN: EDC 17586 (AB 2565, 2024) INTERIOR DOOR LOCKING REQUIREMENTS FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

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PURPOSE: This bulletin provides clarification for school districts serving kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, inclusive, and design professionals, of the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2565 which enacts Education Code (EDC) 17586 effective on January 1, 2025. According to EDC 17586, implementation of its provisions is contingent upon appropriation for its purposes in the annual budget Act or another statute.

BACKGROUND: In coordination with the Gun Violence and School Safety Act, the California legislature, through passage of AB 2565, added Section 17586 to the California Education Code (EDC) with the intent to ensure that as many doors as possible on school grounds have interior locks to enhance pupil and staff safety.

1. REQUIREMENT

1.1 Applicability to School Projects Under DSA Jurisdiction

DSA offers this bulletin as an advisory, that building projects consisting of an addition, alteration, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or retrofit submitted to DSA for review on or after January 1, 2025, are required to include interior door locks complying with the provisions of EDC Section 17586. It is the responsibility of the school district to ensure compliance with statutory requirements that have not been implemented into the requirements of Title 24, California Building Standards Code. DSA is not authorized to review projects for conformance with EDC 17586 however, if interior locking hardware is proposed as part of a project, DSA will review for compliance with Title 24 requirements.

For purposes of application, the terms “addition,” “alteration,” “reconstruction,” “rehabilitation,” “retrofit,” “school building,” and “maintenance” have the same meaning as prescribed to them in Section 4-314 of Part 1 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

After January 1, 2025, and upon determination of appropriation by the state, EDC Section 17586 requires a charter school, school district, or county office of education serving pupils in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, that undertakes an addition, alteration, reconstruction, rehabilitation or retrofit of a school building, to install interior locks on each door of any room with an occupancy of five or more persons in that school building.

Exceptions:

- a) Doors that are locked from the outside at all times; doors with locks that lock from the inside, and pupil restrooms are exempt from the requirements.
- b) Maintenance of a school facility for individual projects or tasks under twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).
- c) Projects applying for funding pursuant to Chapter 12.5 (commencing with Section 17070.10) of Part 10 of Division 1 for a school modernization project, before January 1, 2025, and that were initially submitted to the Division of the State Architect for approval before January 1, 2025.

All locks are required to conform with the specifications and requirements outlined in Title 24 California Code of Regulations (CCR).

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- AB 2565, (McCarty, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2024)
- California Legislative Information (<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>)

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