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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 16-01

CODE: 2012 International Building Code

SECTION: 2909.2.1

We are reviewing a Kindergarten Center whose design includes providing only family or assisted-use toilet facilities, with no proposed separate ganged plumbing facilities. Per Table 2902.1, Washington State Amendments, 14 water closets for women and 10 for men are the minimum required fixtures for this building. The proposed design includes 24 classrooms each with a single family/assisted-use toilet facility and 5 additional family/assisted-use toilet facilities located at other locations throughout the building. All would be available for use by staff, students and visitors.

The proposed design provides more than the minimum required water closets while providing safety and privacy.

QUESTION: Would this be an allowable design in lieu of the required separate facilities required by Section 2902.2?

ANSWER: No.

Because of the occupancy classification of the building, Section 2902.2.1, Family or assisted-use toilet facilities, would not be applicable in this case. Additionally, the code states that these facilities may only be used if the building or tenant space only requires one water closet per each sex. In cases where more than one men's and one women's water closet is required, and as long as the required number of men's and women's rest rooms are identified as such, there is no provision prohibiting additional rest rooms from being family/assisted-use facilities.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: Snohomish County