



STATE OF MAINE  
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**Alternative Sites**  
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**Code Compliance**

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 101 Life Safety Code has been adopted within the State of Maine and currently we follow the 2018 version. The code has specific requirements for the use of a building as an educational occupancy. Due to the current situation our office is issuing the following allowances until 6/30/2021. Local municipalities may be more stringent than the following. The following items are a few basic requirements for a building to be used as an alternative site for a limited time. If the preliminary assessment items below are met then please contact us for a courtesy walk through to determine if the building is safe for students.

- There is a fire separation between the educational use and any other use in the building.
- There are 2 remote means of egress from the building.
- Each room used as a classroom must have an egress window or a door to the outside, unless the building has a sprinkler system.
- The building shall have a fire alarm system.
- Corridor walls shall be able to resist the passage of smoke.
- Corridor doors shall be self-closing unless the building has a sprinkler system.

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