



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3318:1-5-03 Variance from the provisions of the design manual.

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(A) The Ohio facilities construction commission may approve a design element that varies from the provisions contained in the Ohio school design manual when a school district demonstrates good cause.

(B) The requests will be evaluated by commission staff and approved or disapproved by the executive director. Without limitation, factors considered in approving or denying such requests are:

- (1) Educational adequacy;
- (2) Practicality;
- (3) Durability and serviceability of materials and systems;
- (4) Operational efficiency;
- (5) Life cycle cost;
- (6) Construction cost.

(C) Variance requests shall be prepared by the architect of record or criteria architect and submitted to the commission prior to the incorporation of the variance into the project design. A variance cannot be incorporated into the project design until approved by the commission.

(D) Procedural protocol for submission of variance requests shall be as established by the commission staff.

(E) A variance committee comprised of commission staff will evaluate requests for variances



monthly or more frequently as deemed appropriate. The variance committee will make a recommendation to the executive director for a determination.

(F) The executive director will review the recommendation of the variance committee and the variance request and shall make a determination to approve, conditionally approve or to deny the request.

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