

**SYLLABUS**  
**Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College**  
**EDUC 7310 – Public School Buildings**  
**Summer, 2016 – 3 Semester Hours**

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**Course Description:**

A course designed to acquaint the school administrator with past and present school building architecture with special emphasis on building types.

**Course Objectives:**

Students will become cognizant of the planning and decision making regarding construction, maintenance and renovation of school buildings with emphasis on classroom design; legal issues associated with school buildings; educational specifications; working with architects and construction managers; bidding mechanics; construction materials; safety, energy and access considerations; and emergency planning.

**Student Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to understand, value and:

- Apply procedures for planning, funding, renovating, and/or constructing school facilities.\*
- Implement strategies that enable the district's physical plant, equipment, and support systems to operate safely, efficiently, and effectively.\*
- Apply strategies for ensuring the safety of students and personnel and for addressing emergencies and security concerns.\*
- Apply procedures for ensuring the effective operation and maintenance of district facilities.\*
- Apply pertinent legal concepts, regulations, and codes.\*

\*SBEC Standards for Superintendents (Domain III, Competency 009)

**Course Format and Requirements:**

The course will require students to do independent work in the research realm and complete outside assignments. Students will be responsible for submitting on time all assignments assigned by the instructor. Late work submitted will be worth a maximum of half the available points for that assignment.

The course format will be the utilization of email to send students assignments and students to return assignments. Major exams will follow the same format. It is imperative that students have access to their Sul Ross preferred email account for this course.

It is imperative that all assignments and exams be completed individually. Any evidence of collusion on assignments will be treated as cheating and plagiarism.

**Examinations**

There will be a mid-term exam that will assess your knowledge and understanding of principles and major concepts presented in the first half of the course.

There will be a comprehensive final exam that assesses student ability to synthesize course objectives and to analyze school building issues.

**GRADING:**

Final course grade will be determined through examinations and assignment products.

**Point System for Grading:**

Exams (Mid-Term - 25, Final - 30).....	= 55
Assignments*.....	<u>= 145</u>
	200 Total points

- 180+ points = A
- 160 - 179 points = B
- 140 - 159 points = C
- Below 140 points = D or F

\*7 assignments worth 15 each; 1 worth 40 – Annual Inspection Checklist

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## Public School Buildings Course Schedule

<u>Important Dates</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Thursday, July 7	Syllabus and Course Schedule sent. Good School Maintenance handout and assignment sent Assignments #1, 2, and 3 w/handouts sent
Monday, July 11	Assignment # 1 and Good School Maintenance assignment due no later than 12 noon Mid-Term exam sent
Monday, July 18	Assignments # 2 and 3 due no later than 12 noon Assignments # 4 and 5 w/handouts sent
Monday, July 25	Assignment #4 due no later than 12 noon Assignment # 6 w/handout sent Campus Annual Inspection and School Campus Evaluation assignments w/handouts (Final) sent
Monday, August 1	Assignment #5 and 6 due no later than 12 noon
Monday, August 8	Campus Annual Inspection and School Campus Evaluation (Final) due no later than 12 noon

Note: The above schedule and the activities listed are subject to change at the discretion of the professor. It is only a preliminary guide.





