

Where does the authority come from for Regional Superintendents to inspect schools?

- Since 1915, Regional Superintendents have been charged with the duty to
 - “...inspect the building plans and specifications of public school rooms and buildings...” (ILSC 5/3-14.20)
 - “...Inspect and survey all public schools under his or her supervision...” (ILCS 5/3-14.20)
 - “...request the Department of Public Health, The State Fire Marshall, or the State Superintendent of Education to inspect public school building and temporary facilities which appear to him to be unsafe, unsanitary, or unfit for occupancy...” (ILCS 5/3-14.22)

Added responsibilities

- 1965- Duty to review and approve Safety Survey Reports (ILCS 5/2-3.12 as amended)
- Included duty to review and approve amounts of funds to be raised through tax levies or sale of bonds for fire prevention, safety, energy conservation, handicapped accessibility, school security and specific repair purposes (ILCS 5/2-3.12 and 5/17-2.11)

Where do the rules come from?

- **The Health, Life, Safety Code for Public Schools**
- **Title 23, Part 180 Illinois Administrative Code**

When are Parts 180, 185, and 175 of the Illinois Administrative Code used in the inspection of a building?

- Timeline for code maintenance requirements:

Part 185	Before	07/01/1965
Part 175	07/01/1965 to	03/23/1995
Part 180 (BOCA 93)	03/24/1995 to	07/05/1998
Part 180 (BOCA 96)	07/06/1998 to	10/02/2005
Part 180 (IBC 2003)	10/03/2005 to	09/24/2007
Part 180 (IBC 2006)	09/25/2007 to	12/31/2009
Part 180 (IBC 2009)	01/01/2010 to	present

What is BOCA?

- Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA)
- Published the BOCA National Building Code and other National Codes
- In 2003 BOCA, International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI) consolidated to become the International Code Council

What is IBC?

- International Building Code

The International Code Council, made up of representatives from the three model code groups, BOCA National Building Code, ICBO Uniform Building Code and SBCCI Standard Building Code, was formed in 1994 to develop a single model code.

In 2003 this became the International Building Code

What is the main purpose of the annual building inspection?

- To ensure that schools are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupancy.
- Required by law once a year.
 - Includes facilities rented or leased by the district and used for school purposes.
- Facilities may be inspected more frequently at the discretion of the Regional Superintendent.

How do the Regional offices ensure consistency in the inspection process?

- <http://www.il-hls.org>
- Palm-based inspection process
 - Code can be accessed instantaneously during inspection
- Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) with the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) developed a new checklist for use by all inspectors throughout the state.

How are Parts 180, 185, and 175 applied?

- Every new facility and or structure must conform to Part 180 requirements.
- Existing facilities may be maintained in compliance with the code that applied to the facility when built. (BOCA 93 Fire Prevention Code and Property Maintenance Code are retroactive.)
- All equipment, systems, devices and safeguards must be maintained in good working order.