

Materials and Finishes

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Finishes & Materials The Fundamentals

- Appropriate first cost
- Durability/life expectancy
- Familiarity to maintenance staff
 - Funding limitations
 - Training & experience
 - Frequency for maintenance
 - Support (i.e., special equipment, storage, etc.)
 - Servicing multiple sites with different maintenance needs



Finishes & Materials The Fundamentals

- Environmental & legal factors
 - Cal EPA
 - OSHA
 - Unions
- Social & political factors
 - Leadership
 - Legislation
 - Mainstream culture
- Economic factors
 - Affordability relates to cultural acceptance



Finishes & Materials History 1937

Floor



Ceiling



Culture

Wall



Finishes & Materials History 1937

- Floor
 - Linoleum over concrete, raised floors
- Walls
 - Plaster (painted), wood cabinetry, operable windows (wood), chalk boards (slate), picture & map rails
- Ceiling
 - Wood ceilings, skylights, radiant heat
- Culture



Finishes & Materials History 1957



Ceiling

Disneyland
RESORT



Floor

Wall



Culture



Finishes & Materials History 1957

- Floor
 - VAT over concrete, hydroponic heating
- Walls
 - Drywall (painted), wood cabinetry, plywood surfaces, operable windows (steel), chalk boards (slate), tack boards
- Ceiling
 - Acoustic tiles, skylights
- Culture



Finishes & Materials History 1967

Culture



Wall

Floor



Ceiling



Finishes & Materials History 1967

- Floor
 - VAT over concrete (VAT became VCT in the 1980s)
- Walls
 - Drywall (painted), plastic laminate casework, operable windows (aluminum & steel), ventilation, chalk & marker boards, tack boards (moving toward tack surfaces)
- Ceiling
 - HVAC, suspended acoustic ceilings
- Culture



Finishes & Materials History 2007

Culture



Wall



Floor



Ceiling



Finishes & Materials History 2007

- Floor
 - VCT, carpet over concrete
- Walls
 - Drywall (vinyl covered), plastic laminate casework, operable & fixed windows (aluminum) or no windows, marker boards, tack surfaces
- Ceiling
 - HVAC, skylights
- Culture



Finishes & Materials History Summary

- Basics
 - First cost
 - Durability
 - Maintainability
- Trends
 - Modern production methods
 - Reliance on chemistry
 - Indoor air quality issues & impact
 - Sustainability



Finishes & Materials Indoor Air Quality

- What is it?
 - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 - Off Gassing
 - Dust
 - Microbials
 - Pollen
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Dander
 - Mold Odors
- Why is it important?
- Limitations & impact on common practice

Finishes & Materials Choices

- District standards
- Funding
- Manufacturers offer a variety of products
- Recycle
- Change daily practices



Finishes & Materials What's New & Wonderful

- Finishes & materials for schools
 - Life expectancy
 - First cost vs. life cycle cost
 - Materials comparison
- Quality installation & inspection
- Maintenance



Finishes & Materials Resources

- U.S. Green Building Council – <http://www.usgbc.com>
- Collaborative for High Performance Schools – <http://www.chps.net>
- CHPS Low Emitting Materials List – http://www.chps.net/manual/lem_table.htm
- California Environmental Protection Agency – <http://www.calepa.ca.gov>
- California Air Resources Board – <http://www.arb.ca.gov>
- Green Building Pages (sustainable building materials database) – <http://greenbuildingpages.com>
- Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) – www.cashnet.org
- Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) – <http://www.cefpi.org>

