

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Installation of new covered walkways or major renovations can significantly impact limited facilities resources.

BAISCA can provide a complete inventory and assessment of existing canopies and identify unprotected areas for each school site to support decision making and communications



Case Study: Covered Walkways

What is your district's policy regarding covered walkways?

Ideally, all students should have protection from rainfall at bus loading areas and when moving to and from separate buildings. Parent drop off areas should also have sufficient coverage to provide safe movement to and from building entrances. Some school sites are designed to provide protection better than others. The current volume of vehicular traffic on school campuses is significantly higher than what was expected at the time many schools were planned and constructed. Schools that have grown larger by adding classrooms or mobile units typically have not adjusted the campus traffic plan to accommodate the increased enrollment. This becomes a problem for bus drivers, teachers, and administrators responsible for the safe and efficient movement of children in and out of the school building, especially during periods of inclement weather.

Facility managers often find themselves directing limited resources to correct a situation with covered walkways at a school knowing that similar circumstances exist in other schools that have not registered a complaint.

By conducting an inventory of covered walkways at all schools, facility managers are better informed to prioritize funding requests. Areas without sufficient coverage can be identified. Data can be compared across the district regarding average coverage area relative to level and size of each school. Existing canopies can be assessed for condition and appearance. This information can be correlated with frame and roofing materials to determine future material and design selections.



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