USING THE FACILITY INSPECTION TOOL (FIT)

The FIT is a valuable tool in evaluating the condition of school facilities. All public school districts and County offices of education in California are to use the FIT in determining “Good repair” of their facilities as defined in Education Code Section 17002(d) (1).

Listed are ways the FIT can benefit your district.

Completing the school facility section of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for all schools - Education Code (EC) 33126(b)

Develop a digital format of the FIT to be used in the field.
  
  o Adopt a digital work order system that is compatible with the digital FIT.

Use the FIT to establish a Facilities Inspection System (FIS).
  
  o Establishing an FIS after July 1, 2005 for all county-operated schools, if participating in the School Facility Program (SFP) or Deferred Maintenance Program (DMP) -- EC Section 17070.75(e)

Identify facility needs and improvements with the FIT.
  
  o Integrate the FIT into your LCAP.
  o Use the FIT to document improvements and annual progress.
  o Use the FIT’s data to develop a Maintenance Master Plan for the upcoming three years.

Educate and communicate with stakeholders about using the FIT
  
  o Inform stakeholders of current conditions and progress of goals with FIT reports.
  o Use FIT documentation to justify continuing funding needs for facilities.
  o Put the school FIT reports on your district website.

Integrate the FIT inspection into your school’s safety plan to:
  
  o Identify fire safety issues.
  o Identify seismic safety issues.
  o Identify security issues relating to gates, doors, and windows.