The following information shall be included in specifications prepared for use on all University of Cincinnati construction and renovation projects. This information is supplemental and not intended to be a complete specification.

GENERAL STANDARDS

General Criteria

1. Standard gypsum board walls and ceilings are utilized throughout the University. However, more durable, lower-maintenance, upgraded alternatives should be considered for all areas of intense student activity. This would typically include classrooms, public corridors, dormitories and dining halls.

2. Only light-duty offices and other spaces not frequented by students may be considered for standard gypsum board finishes.

3. Gypsum-board used in public corridors and other high-traffic areas should be specified with a veneer hard-coat plaster topping system.

4. Current upgraded gypsum board products of a minimum 5/8” thickness that offer improved impact and/or mold resistance should be considered for “heavy-use” student areas. Mold-resistant installation components (tape, compound, etc.) should also be specified. Fiberglass-faced gypsum board is preferred in high-traffic student areas.

5. To prevent errors in construction of rated walls, all gypsum board shall be 5/8” fire code-type product or two layers of ½” at chases.

6. Standard paper-faced, paraffin-impregnated, moisture-resistant gypsum board (green board) is not an acceptable substrate for wet location tile installations.

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