

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 3 USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

### SECTION 305 EDUCATIONAL GROUP E

#### 305.1 Educational Group E.

Educational Group E occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, by six or more persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade.

##### 305.1.1 Accessory to places of religious worship.

Religious educational rooms and religious auditoriums, which are accessory to *places of religious worship* in accordance with [Section 303.1.4](#) and have *occupant loads* of less than 100 per room or space, shall be classified as Group A-3 occupancies.

##### 305.2 Group E, day care facilities.

This group includes buildings and structures or portions thereof occupied by more than five children older than  $\frac{2}{2}$  years of age who receive educational, supervision or *personal care services* for fewer than 24 hours per day.

##### 305.2.1 Within places of religious worship.

Rooms and spaces within *places of religious worship* providing such day care during religious functions shall be classified as part of the primary occupancy.

##### 305.2.2 Five or fewer children.

A facility having five or fewer children receiving such day care shall be classified as part of the primary occupancy.

##### 305.2.3 Five or fewer children in a dwelling unit.

A facility such as the above within a *dwelling unit* and having five or fewer children receiving such day care shall be classified as a Group R-3 occupancy or shall comply with the [International Residential Code](#).

#### 305.3 Storm shelters in Group E occupancies.

*Storm shelters* shall be provided for Group E occupancies where required by [Section 423.5](#).