

Flooring Standards

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Guiding Principles:

- 1. Carpet tile must be used in all buildings unless hard tile, terrazzo, or LVT is specified
- 2. Rolled carpet or broadloom is not an option unless it's installed at tiered seating or on stairs and must have a rubber stair nosing
- 3. All tiled floors must have a tile or wood cove base, not rubber base
- 4. Any transition from carpet to hard tile must provide Schlueter strips to prevent tile breakage
- 5. All transitions from LVT or VCT to carpet must provide rubber transitions to prevent fraying
- 6. Carpet fiber preference Nylon 6,6 or 100% Nylon and face weight 24 oz and above with loop or combination of loop and pile
- 7. Digitally printed carpet (i.e., Milliken Print Works) is preferred
- 8. In residential halls use Konecto Prestige Plank 80014 Traditional

Floor Material Expectations:

- 1. Carpet tile in classrooms, offices, corridors, elevators, and conference rooms
- 2. LVT or VCT in break rooms, work rooms, labs, elevators, corridors, and kitchens
- 3. Ceramic or porcelain tile in all restrooms and can be used in kitchens
- 4. Wood flooring is not permitted in most spaces unless there is a valid reason for the request

Definitions and Example Locations:

Carpet Tile – modular carpet in 24x24 or in planks (typically 12x36 or 18x36)

Locations: BSB and most other buildings

LVT or VP – luxury vinyl tile or vinyl plank (that does not require a finishing coat)

This is a good alternative to carpet in lobby spaces, corridors, reception areas. This is also required in all residential hall bedrooms and apartment style living spaces

Locations: Hankamer, Bill Daniel Student Center, Penland Hall, and other buildings

Kinetex – textile composite flooring with polyester felt cushion

This product is highly durable, long lasting, anti-fray, and anti-microbial, but has a low profile

Locations: Athletic locker rooms, Brooks College corridors, and in the Cashion speech clinic

Forbo – flocked flooring with vinyl backing

This product is highly durable, long lasting, and anti-microbial

Locations: McLane Student Life Center, Baseball locker room

VCT – vinyl composition tile

This can be used in work rooms, research labs, classroom labs, and custodial closets, but requires waxing and extensive maintenance to stay presentable; sheet vinyl is not allowable

Locations: BSB, Moody Library, and other buildings

Wall Base - must be 100% rubber, prefer Roppe 700 Series, 4" resilient base with toe in Black or Black Brown