



## **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 LVT must have a minimum wear layer of 20 mil, 40 mil is preferred

### **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