

State Charter Schools Commission Training Facilities Service Unit

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Overview

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- Virtual Schools
- Minimum Square Footage Requirements
- Review of Plans and Specifications
- The Facility and School Registry (FSR)



The Law

20-2-2065: Waiver of provisions of this title; requirements for operating; control and management

(b) In determining whether to approve a charter petition or renew an existing charter, the local board and state board shall ensure that a charter school, or for charter systems, each school within the system, shall be:



(5) Subject to all federal, state, and local rules, regulations, court orders, and statutes relating to civil rights; insurance; *the protection of the physical health and safety of school students, employees and visitors*, conflicting interest transactions; and the prevention of unlawful conduct;



More Law

20-2-260. Capital outlay funds generally.

(a) It is declared to be the policy of the State of Georgia to assure that every public school student shall be housed in a facility which is *structurally sound and well maintained* and which has adequate space and equipment to meet each student's instructional needs as those needs are defined and required by this article.



Facilities Services Resources

- www.gadoe.org
 - Finance and Business Operations
 - Facilities Services
- Quick Reference
 - Facilities Services
 - Facilities Services Directory
 - Facility Consultant Territory Map



Facility Site Selection

- <http://www.gadoe.org/Finance-and-Business-Operations/Facilities-Services/Pages/Facilities-Services-Resources.aspx>
- Educational Facility Site
 - Guideline 6: Guideline for Educational Facility Site Selection
 - Guideline 5: Guideline for Risk Hazard Assessment of Educational Facilities
 - Guideline 1: Guideline for compliance with the Standards and Criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program



Site Approval?

- Addresses the health and safety requirement for students, parents, and visitors.
- Is part of the due diligence necessary to ensure a quality financial decision for the school.
- Establishes a site code and facility code
- A facility code is necessary to create a school code
- School code is necessary to access state funds



Site Approval

- Narrow your search to one or two prospects
- Contact the Educational Facilities Consultant for your area for a site visit. Consider minimum acreage requirements.
- Engage an engineering firm to conduct an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
 - Phase I Environmental
 - Risk/Hazard Analysis



Site Approval

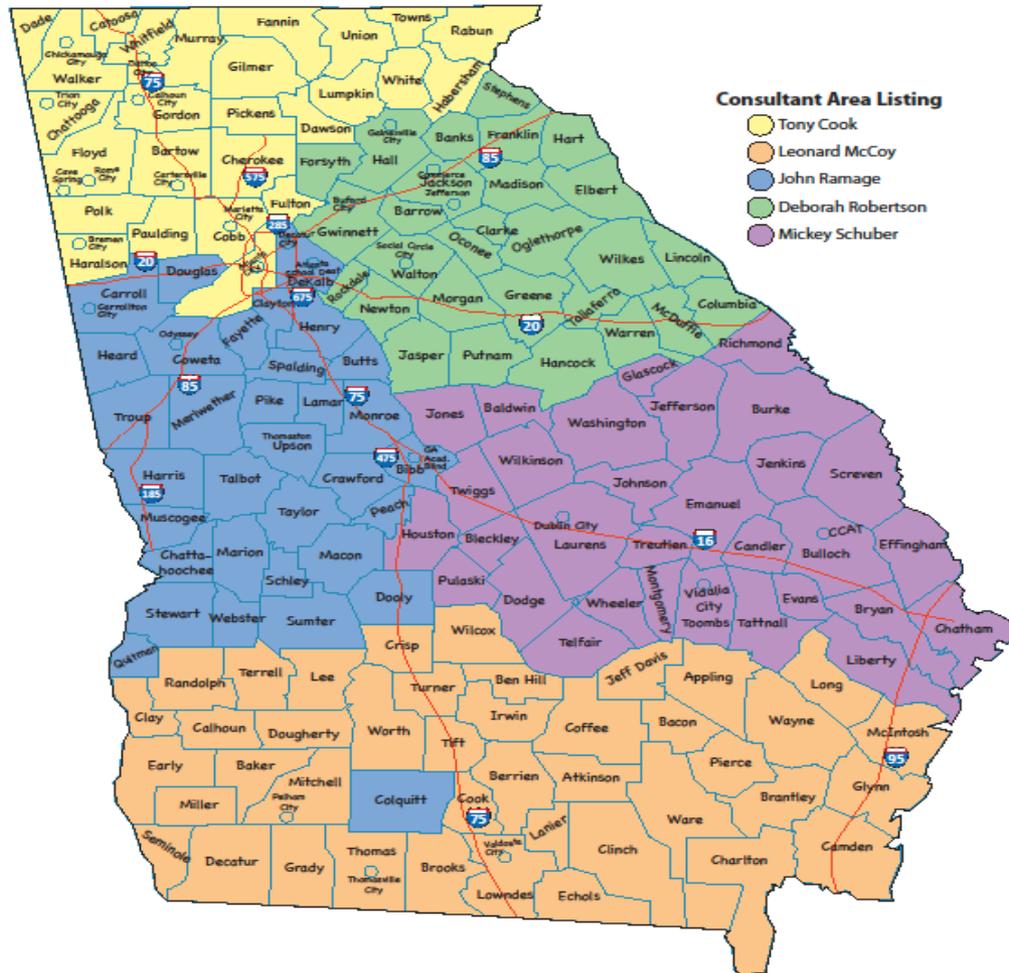
- Hazards may require mitigations.
- Mitigations must be addressed in design documents.
- Site approval may be contingent upon these factors being satisfactorily addressed.





Facilities Services Unit Service Areas by Field Consultants

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Virtual Schools

- Completed site application required to document virtual status
- Exceptions to the site application
 - No Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) required
 - No Department of Transportation (GDOT) letter required
 - No flood plain letter required
 - Exempt from other documentation usually required to establish a review of the health, safety, and wellbeing of students in a large gathering environment



Virtual Schools

- Site code and facility code will apply to the site selected as the operations center for the proposed school.
- School code will serve as the reporting code for FTE, CPI, and other necessary State reports.
- Any future action that brings students to a campus for educational activities will trigger the previously exempt components of site approval.



Minimum Square Footage Requirements

- Guideline 4: guideline for Square Footage Requirements for Educational Facilities
 - Classrooms
 - Media Centers
 - Cafeterias and Kitchens
 - Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE)
 - Corridors
 - Number of Toilets/Fixtures



Review of Plans and Specifications

- Guideline 3: Guideline for Submission of Documents for Review of Planning, Bidding, and Construction of Educational Facilities
 - Preliminary
 - Check set
 - Final
- The construction delivery method may impact the schedule of submission.



Request for Variance

- Minimum acreage
- Minimum square footage for certain programs
- CTAE Lab Requirements
- Others



The Facility and School Registry (FSR)

- The way GaDOE collects, reports and maintains data
 - Site Codes
 - Facility Codes
 - School Codes
 - Program Codes
- Contact Dr. Mike Campbell for information and assistance: (404)-656-2454



Information for Charter Schools

- Document located at:

<http://www.gadoe.org/Finance-and-Business-Operations/Facilities-Services/Pages/Facilities-Services-Resources.aspx>

- Located under the General Overview section



Questions??



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