

State Charter Schools Commission Training

Facilities Services Unit
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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:



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(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;

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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



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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

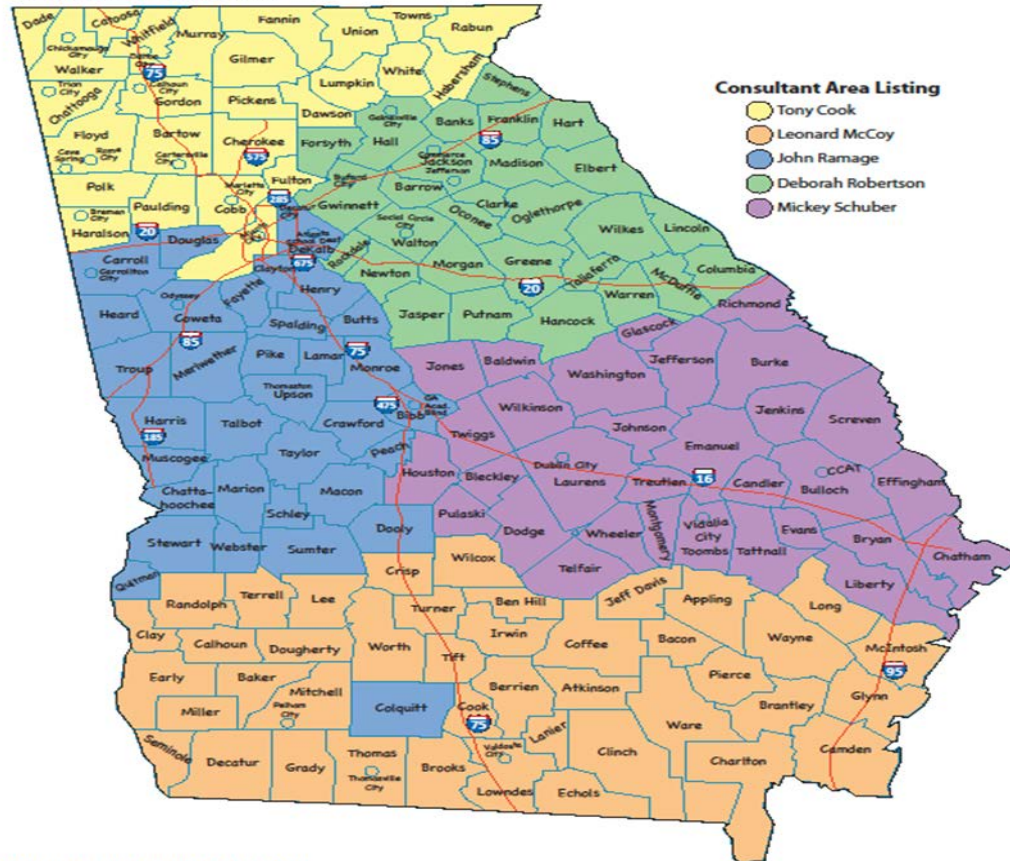
Site Approval

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



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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.



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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)



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- 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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