

160-5-1-.03 IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING OF SCHOOLS.

(1) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this rule is to define the term school and special entity for reporting purposes and assigning facility code numbers.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.**

(a) **School** – a building or group of buildings that has

1. A full-time principal,
2. A media center or access to a media center on a contiguous site;
3. Housing for students who are reported for the purpose of earning FTE-based QBE or state education funds;
4. A facility code issued by the Department;
5. An accountability determination or is participating in data collection for a future accountability determination in compliance with current state and/or federal accountability requirements;
6. A school council pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-86; and
7. A school report card or is participating in data collection for the development of a future report card pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-14-34;

(b) **Special entity** – an educational facility other than a school that houses students for all or part of the instructional day and does not report students for the purpose of earning FTE-based QBE funds. For the purposes of this rule the following shall be considered as special entities:

1. Adult Education Programs that are designed to provide educational and dropout prevention services to students who have dropped out of school or are on the verge of dropping out of school;
2. Alternative Education Programs that do not meet the definition of school pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.03 Identification and Reporting of Schools;
3. Evening Education Programs that provide educational services to students for part of the instructional day;

4. Head Start;
5. Pre-kindergarten;
6. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) Satellite;
7. Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS) Center;
8. Special Education Center; and
9. Special Entity Charter School.

(3) REQUIREMENTS.

(a) By August 15 of each year, school systems shall verify to the department all schools and special entities that they will operate that year.

(b) Each school system, school and special entity shall be identified by a code assigned by the department that shall not be changed without the approval of the state school superintendent or designee.

(c) All school/special entity-based data reported to the department shall be by the assigned codes.

(d) FTE for special entities shall be reported at the student's home school or the school where the student would be assigned if the student being served is a non-resident student of the school system where the special entity is located. Accountability determinations for students served by special entities shall be included in the home school's or home school system's accountability determinations as set forth in the *State of Georgia Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook*.

(e) A local school system shall request a change in school/special entity codes under the following conditions.

1. A new building is constructed either on a new site or replacing a school on an existing site.

2. A change in grade organization takes place in a school such that the primary mission of the school has changed; for example, grade levels change from 9-12 to 6-8.

(f) A local school system shall request that school/special entity code numbers be retired when

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1. The school/special entity no longer houses students for public education purposes,
2. The school/special entity ceases to operate,
3. The school/special entity is consolidated or merged with another school/special entity, or
4. The school/special entity is destroyed.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-86; 20-2-160; 20-2-186(a); 20-2-282(d); 20-14-34.

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