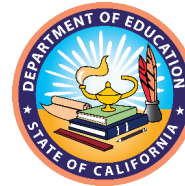


Charter School Facilities Program Proposition 2 Filing Round July 3, 2025 – October 30, 2025

Program Requirements Webinar
March 25, 2025

Presented by
Office of Public School Construction
California School Finance Authority
California Department of Education



Agenda

- Webinar will be recorded and posted on OPSC's website
- Presentations from:
 - Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)
 - California School Finance Authority (CSFA)
 - California Department of Education (CDE)
- Question and answer session after each presentation

Office of Public School Construction

- Under the authority of the Department of General Services
- Staff to the State Allocation Board
- Implements and administers the School Facility Program (SFP)
 - Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998
 - Provides state matching funds to construct and modernize public school facilities



Charter School Facilities Program

- Established in 2002
- Provides funding for charter school facilities
- Grant Program
 - 50% state grant
 - 50% applicant cash contribution or loan
- \$1.4 billion previously provided
- Proposition 2 provides \$600 million for new applications
- Applications submitted during specified filing rounds

July 3, 2025-October 30,2025



Eligible Charter Schools

- Provide classroom-based instruction
 - Education Code (EC) 47612.5(e)(1)
- Charter petition approved prior to application submittal
- Two years operating or administrative experience in California
- Autonomous (independent)/non-autonomous (dependent)

Eligible Applicants

- Charter school
- Local school district on behalf of a charter school
 - Must serve the same grade level as charter project
 - Might not be the charter authorizer
 - District must be applicant for non-autonomous (dependent) charters
- Receives funding
- Repays loan, if requested
- Responsible for project
- Enters into program agreements
- Ensures program compliance

Types of Funding

- New Construction
 - Adding capacity to a new or existing site
 - Purchasing and retrofitting an existing building
- Rehabilitation
 - District owned facilities that are at least 15-years old
 - Modernization
 - Extends the useful life/enhances the physical environment of the school
 - Should not be routine maintenance work
 - Like-kind replacement
 - Demolish and replace same number of classrooms and same Sq. Ft.
- Combination new construction and rehabilitation
- All projects must include classrooms

Title Requirements

Title to the site and facilities must be held by:

- Rehabilitation
 - Local school district that serves same grade level as charter project
- New Construction (not combined with rehabilitation)
 - Local school district that serves same grade level as charter project
 - Local governmental entity
 - Charter School may request to hold title

Security Requirements when Charter School Holds Title

- EC 17078.63
- Lien on the property for entire amount of funding received from state
- Restricted covenant requiring the facilities be used for public school purposes
- Remainder interest reverting to the local school district or State Allocation Board in the event the district disclaims interest
 - When facilities no longer needed for charter school purposes
 - Subject to successor charter provisions

Successor Charter School Provisions

- EC 17078.62
- SFP Regulations Section 1859.171
- If charter school ceases to use facilities that received CSFP funding for charter school purposes, facilities go to a successor charter school
- If a successor charter school cannot be found, the district may use the facilities
- New Construction and rehabilitation

SFP Requirements

- Division of the State Architect (DSA) and CDE final plan approval
 - At final apportionment
- CDE final site approval (if purchasing a site)
 - At final apportionment
- SFP Grant Agreement
 - Fund release
- Public Contract Code
- Labor Code
- Additional items certified to on funding applications
 - Form SAB 50-09
 - Form SAB 50-04

CSFP Requirements

- Current Financial Soundness determination (CSFA)
 - Preliminary apportionment
 - Advance Funding
 - Final Apportionment
- Charter School Agreements (CSFA)
 - Memorandum of Understanding
 - Facility Use Agreement
 - District holds title
 - Funding Agreement
 - Loan requested

Funding Process

Preliminary Apportionment

- Reservation of bond authority
- Grants provided based on proposed project
 - Project narrative
 - Form SAB 50-09
 - Applicable supporting documentation
- Applications submitted during specified filing rounds
 - Current round: July 3, 2025, to October 30, 2025
- Competitive process

Funding Process (Cont.)

Preference points assigned

SFP Regulation Section 1859.164.1

160 maximum points possible

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| • Relieving District Overcrowding | 4 to 40 points |
| • Low Income* | 4 to 40 points |
| • Existing District Owned Facilities | 40 points |
| • Non-Profit Status** | 40 points |

*Free and Reduced Priced Meals percentage of Charter School, District, or another public school within the *Charter School General Location*

**Entity operating the charter school is:

- Organized and operated for purposes of not making a profit under the provisions of the federal *Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)*, or
- Organized as/operated by a nonprofit public benefit corporation, pursuant to *State Corporations Code, Title 1, Division 2, Part 2, Section 5110, et seq.*



Funding Process (Cont.)

Funding Matrix used to determine funding order
SFP Regulation Section 1859.164

Projects are funded in order of most Preference Points within each of the following categories defined in SFP Regulation Section 1859.2:

- Various geographical regions of the State
- Urban/Rural/Suburban regions of the State*
- Large, medium, and small charter schools**
- Various grade levels of the projects***

*Locale codes classified by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

**Based on the latest available CBEDS report on CDE's Dataquest website

***Based on highest grade served in petition

See the CSFP Funding Matrix on OPSC's website



Funding Process (Cont.)

Advance Funding

- Design
- Site acquisition
- Priority Funding Process to access funds
 - Bi-annual certification rounds
 - 30 days in May/June and November/December
 - Funding generally available from Spring and Fall bond sales
 - Requirements to request funds
 - 90 days to request design/180 days to request site
 - Link to Priority Funding information page:
<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Public-School-Construction-Resources-List-Folder/Priority-School-Construction-Funding>

Funding Process (cont.)

- Final Apportionment
 - Submit complete and valid *Application for Funding* (Form SAB 50-04) to convert PA to final apportionment within four years
 - Possible one-time, one-year extension
 - CDE and Division of the State Architect (DSA) final plan approval
 - CDE final site approval and entered escrow if buying site
 - Grants adjusted based on designed project/current grant amounts
 - Unused authority returned to program
 - Additional authority may be provided if adjusted grants support increase, authority is available, and applicant can be found sound for increase
 - Priority Funding process to access funding

New construction facilities may not be occupied before the Form SAB 50-04 is submitted!



Calculating the Preliminary Apportionment

- Base Grant
 - New Construction projects
 - Classrooms in project
 - Rehabilitation projects
 - Eligible square footage in project
 - May be capped by classrooms in project
- Supplemental grants
- Inflater factor
 - Accounts for increases in construction costs over four years
 - Not applied to site acquisition costs

Calculating the New Construction Base Grant

Multiply the number of classrooms that will be constructed by the SFP loading standard and the current year per pupil grant amount :

Grade Level	SFP Loading Standard	2025 Pupil Grant Amount
(K-6)	25	\$15,929
(7-8)	27	\$16,864
(9-12)	27	\$21,404
Special Day Class - Severe	9	\$44,744
Special Day Class - Non-Severe	13	\$29,923

Requested pupil grants may not be increased at final apportionment

Calculating the Rehabilitation Base Grant

- First, calculate the rehabilitation base grant by multiplying the eligible square footage by the current year square footage grant amounts

Facility Type	2025 Square Foot Grant Amount
Non-Toilet	\$260.00
Toilet	\$466.00

- Next, calculate the new construction base grant based on the classrooms being rehabilitated (see previous screen)
- The rehabilitation base grant is the lesser of these two amounts

Requested square footage grants may not be increased at final apportionment

Supplemental Grants at PA

SFP Regulations, Section 1859.163.1, 1859.163.2, and 1859.163.5

- All applications
 - Small Size
 - Urban Location/Impacted Site
 - Geographic location
- New Construction
 - Multilevel Construction
 - Site development
 - Site Acquisition
 - General Site
- Rehabilitation
 - Elevator

New Construction Example

- Applicant plans to purchase 6-acre parcel
- \$1.0 million median cost per acre
- CDE recommends 10-acre site
- Plans to construct 14-classroom K-6 elementary school
- Classrooms will be multilevel construction

New Construction Example (cont.)

New Construction Grant	Reserved Amount
Base Grant	\$5,575,150.00
Multilevel Construction	\$669,018.00
Site Acquisition	\$3,000,000.00
Site Other	\$120,000.00
DTSC Fees	\$450,000.00
Site Development	\$420,000.00
General Site	\$529,426.00
Urban/Security	\$836,273.00
Total State Share:	\$11,599,867.00
Total Applicant Share:	\$11,599,867.00
Total Project Cost	\$23,199,734.00

- Form SAB 50-09 calculates State Grant
- Assumes project qualifies for grants
- Does not include inflator factor



Rehabilitation Example

- Applicant plans to rehabilitate district owned site
- Will modernize or demolish and replace entire site
 - 18,000 eligible non-toilet square feet
 - 1,000 eligible toilet square feet
 - 14 K-6 classrooms
- Site is or will be multilevel and DSA will require an elevator
- Existing site is 6 acres
- CDE recommends a 10-acre site

Rehabilitation Example (cont.)

Rehabilitation Grant	Reserved Amount
Base Grant	\$5,146,000.00
Urban/Security	\$771,900.00
Elevator	\$134,346.00
Total State Share:	\$6,052,246.00
Total Applicant Share:	\$6,052,246.00
Total Project Cost	\$12,104,492.00

- Form SAB 50-09 calculates State grant
- Assumes project qualifies for grants
- Does not include inflator factor

Getting Started

- **Approved charter petition or revision**
 - Must be approved prior to date application is received by OPSC
- **Determine project needs**
 - New construction, rehabilitation or combination
 - Charter School and school district consider existing facilities
 - EC Section 17078.53(e)
- **Request CDE preliminary recommended site size letter**
- **Determine *Charter School General Location***
 - Address of where project is or will be; or,
 - Cross streets to form a one-to-three-mile radius from the present or proposed location of the Charter School project
 - Used to determine:
 - Median cost per acre for new construction projects with site acquisition
 - Free and Reduced Priced Meal percentage if using another public school

Getting Started (cont.)

- **Notify in writing Superintendent and governing board of the school district of intent to apply**
 - Charter schools applying independently
 - SFP Regulation Section 1859.162(b)
 - School district where project is physically located and that serves same grade level as charter project
 - May not be same district as charter authorizer
 - Projects not located in a unified district may need to notify both the elementary and high school districts
 - Must be received by district 30 days prior to submitting application to OPSC
 - September 30, 2025, last day district can receive notification
 - Submit evidence of date notification was received by district

Getting Started (cont.)

- New construction project district notice
 - SFP Regulation Section 1859.162.1
 - Request district to:
 - Update new construction eligibility
 - Provide unhoused pupil certification
 - Provide methodology for determining certification
 - Must be discussed at a regularly scheduled public meeting
- Rehabilitation project district notice
 - SFP Regulation Section 1859.163.4(d)
 - Request rehabilitation agreement between district and charter for use of the facilities to be rehabilitated with CSFP funds
 - Must be executed by district and charter school prior to submitting application
 - Discussed and approved at school district's board meeting
 - District is aware of CSFP funding requirements

See sample district notifications on OPSC website



Getting Started (cont.)

- **Applicant school board resolution supporting application**
 - Approves submittal of application
 - Date will be entered in certification on Form SAB 50-09
- **Applicant school board resolution naming representatives**
 - Names designated representative(s)
 - Allows representative to sign forms
 - Sample resolution for adding a representative provided:
<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Public-School-Construction-Resources-List-Folder/Resource-Page>
 - May be edited to indicate charter school
- **Create OPSC Online user account(s) for applicant**
 - Charter schools do not need an account if school district is the applicant
- **Create Project Tracking Number (PTN)**



Create OPSC Online Account

- Request account by email to OPSCOnlineSupport@dgs.ca.gov
- Include with email request:
 - Applicant charter school/school district name
 - Designated representative(s) name, position, address, email, and phone number
 - Approved resolution by applicant's governing board approving designated representative(s)
 - [Sample School Board Resolution](#)
 - Representatives must be named in resolution
- Charter applicants also include:
 - Grade levels that will be housed in charter school project(s)
 - School district(s) where project(s) will be located
 - Must serve the same grade level that will be housed in the charter project
 - Might be a different district than the charter authorizer



Complete Application

All Application Types

- **See application submittal checklist on OPSC website**
- Application for Charter School Preliminary Apportionment (Form SAB 50-09)
- Narrative description of the proposed project that includes at minimum the following information:
 - Number of classrooms to be rehabilitated or constructed
 - Grade level housed in each classroom (K-6, 7-8, 9-12, Non-Severe, Severe)
 - Intended opening date
 - If the project will be permanent or portable construction
 - The Charter School General Location
 - Rehab apps also include name and address of district school
- CDE Preliminary Recommended Site Size letter



Complete Application (cont.)

All Application Types (cont.)

- One copy current approved charter petition
- Minutes from charter authorizer board approving current petition
- Verification of non-profit status (if applicable)
- Copy of notification sent to school district superintendent and governing board (charter applicants)
- Verification of date notification was received by school district superintendent and governing board (charter applicants)
- School District governing board resolution acknowledging the requirement to submit a five-year school facilities master plan
 - School District applicants only
- Financial Soundness Review documents to CSFA

New Proposition 2 Requirement - Five-Year School Facilities Master Plan

- **School District applicants only**
- Condition of participating in SFP
- Due with submittal to of Form SAB 50-04 to convert preliminary apportionment to final apportionment
- Submit with preliminary apportionment application:
 - School District governing board resolution acknowledging the requirement to submit a five-year school facilities master plan submitted with PA application
 - Districts may edit the following sample resolution:
<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Public-School-Construction-Resources-List-Folder/School-Facility-Master-Plans>



Complete Application (cont.)

New Construction Applications (cont.)

- Eligibility documents – Charter School Applicants
 - District forms to update or establish new construction eligibility
 - Unhoused pupil certification from governing board of the district
 - Form of a board resolution
 - Methodology used to arrive at certification
 - Discussed as an action item at a regularly scheduled, publicly held board meeting

Charter application submittals will initially be accepted without these items, but they will be required within 90 days from date charter school notified the District for a complete application

Complete Application (cont.)

New Construction Applications (cont.)

- Eligibility documents – District Applicants
 - District forms to update or establish new construction eligibility
 - Documentation to support unhoused pupils reported on Form SAB 50-09

**These items must be included with the original application
submittal for District applicants**



Complete Application (cont.)

New Construction Applications

- Site development actual or historical costs documentation (if not requesting \$70,000 per acre)
- Site Acquisition documents (if applicable)
 - Appraisal or Preliminary Appraisal meeting requirements in *SFP Regulation Section 1859.74.1* with valuation date within six months of receipt of Form SAB 50-09; **or**
 - Median cost valuation
 - Editable Excel worksheet
 - Price per acre format
 - Must meet requirements in *SFP Regulation Section 1859.163.2(a)(2)*
 - Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) actual or historical costs documentation (if not requesting 15% of site cost)



Complete Application (cont.)

Rehabilitation applications

- Signed Rehabilitation Agreement
 - **Charter school applicants only**
 - Approved prior to application submittal
- Site map with facilities to be rehabilitated identified and labeled (ex. classroom, library, toilet, etc.)
 - Highlight classrooms and toilet area
 - Indicate grade levels housed in classrooms (K-6, 7-8, 9-12, Non-Severe, Severe)
- Drawings with dimensions of all facilities to be rehabilitated

Complete Application (cont.)

Rehabilitation applications (cont.)

- Square footage spreadsheet
 - List all eligible facilities to be rehabilitated
 - Provide square footage dimensions for each facility listed
 - Provide the total enclosed exterior square footage amount
 - Provide total square foot for toilet area and non-toilet area
 - Totals should match what is requested on Form SAB 50-09
- Documentation to verify the age of the facilities to be rehabilitated (ex. DSA approval)
 - Age of the facilities begins 12 months after the plans for the building were approved by the DSA

Application Submittal

- Submit applications using the OPSC Online Application
 - [Online Application Tools for School Construction Projects](#)
 - Applicants will need an OPSC Online account
 - All future certifications and applications submitted in this format
- Exception if OPSC Online is down:
 - Email application submittal to OPSCApplicationReviewTeam@dgs.ca.gov
 - Include CC to Erin.Cunneen@dgs.ca.gov, Kevin.Fok@dgs.ca.gov, and Chelsea.Harris-Martinez@dgs.ca.gov
- Please contact our office for mailing instructions if applicant does not have online access
- Applications received by OPSC after 11:59 p.m. on October 30, 2025, will not be valid.



Future Webinar

Submitting an Application in OPSC Online

Date and Time: TBD

- Interested parties are encouraged to sign up for our email list here:
 - <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OPSC/Contact>
- Webinars are recorded and posted on the OPSC website once completed.



Helpful Links

- [Access Charter School Facilities Funding](#)

- Sample District Notifications
- Funding Matrix
- Application Submittal Checklist
- Form SAB 50-09 for email and mail submittals

- [Laws and Regulations for State Allocation Board-Administered Programs](#)

SFP Approved Regulations (as of 11/1/2024)

Definitions 1859.2; CSFP section 1859.160 through 1859.172

- [School Facility Program Handbook](#)

CSFP Section 7

- [ARTICLE 12. Charter Schools](#)

CSFP Education Code

- [California Public School Construction Process](#)



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**California Charter School Association 2025
Conference**

***“New Charter School
Facilities Program Funding
Round!”***

***CSFA Application & Financial
Soundness***

Presenters

- **Ryan Storey** – Staff Services Manager I
- **Colin Smith** – Assoc. Governmental Program Analyst
- **Jeffery Taylor** – Assoc. Governmental Program Analyst



Overview of CSFA

- The Authority was established in 1985 to assist school districts, county offices of education and community colleges in financing working capital and school facilities
- Three-member board:
 - California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair
 - Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, Member
 - Director of Finance, Joe Stephenshaw, Member
- CSFA has administered 15 programs to assist school districts, community college districts, and charter schools since 2000
- Offices in Sacramento and Los Angeles



Programs Administered by CSFA

- Charter School Facility Grant Program (SB 740)
- Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP)
- Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Program (CSRLF)
- State Charter School Facilities Incentive Grants Program (Incentives)
- Conduit Financing Program
- Charter School Facilities Credit Enhancement Programs
- State Aid Intercept Note Program
- Charter School Advances of State Aid Payment Program
- California Student Housing Revolving Loan Program (Funding Pending)



Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP)

- Applications are first submitted to OPSC then to CSFA upon approval
- CSFA determines applicants' financial soundness or ability to repay a loan over 30 years
- 50% grant and 50% match sharing loan for new construction and/or renovations
 - State provides 50% of project cost as a grant
 - Applicant is responsible for 50% of project cost
 - Term not to exceed 30 years
 - Low fixed interest rate, approximately 3.00%
- Payments made using the CSFA's intercept mechanism
- Title held by school district, local governmental entity, or charter school



History of CSFP Program Funding

- **2002** – CSFA was written into a pilot program for charter school facilities, CSFP. The program received **\$100 million** when voters approved Proposition 47.
- **2004** – Voters approved Proposition 55, providing an additional **\$300 million** for CSFP.
- **2006** – Voters approved Proposition 1D, providing an additional **\$500 million** for CSFP.
- **2016** – Voters approved Proposition 51, providing an additional **\$500 million** for CSFP.
- **2024** – Voters approved Proposition 2, providing an additional **\$600 million** for CSFP.



CSFP Facts and Figures

- Since 2003 over \$1.45 billion worth of awards to fund 127 projects for 100 charter schools, serving more than 50,000 students across the state.

Round	Projects	Awards
Prop. 47	2	\$ 28,263,096.00
Prop. 1D	20	\$ 233,467,906.00
Prop. 55	15	\$ 202,765,900.00
2009	12	\$ 126,444,398.00
2014	11	\$ 121,083,510.00
Prop. 51	48	\$ 546,246,973.50
2022	19	\$ 218,671,369.50
Total	127	\$ 1,476,943,153.00



CSFP Facts and Figures

	<u>Prop.</u> <u>47</u>	<u>Prop.</u> <u>1D</u>	<u>Prop.</u> <u>55</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Prop.</u> <u>51</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
PA		4	3	2				9
Advance		1				1		2
Final	2	8	8	6	6	30	13	73
Occupied		7	4	4	5	17	6	43
Current Total	2	20	15	12	11	48	19	127
<i>Rescinded</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>49</i>
Historic Total	6	30	28	17	14	62	19	176



CSFP - CSFA Process

- 1. Application with CSFA**
- 2. Preliminary Financial Soundness Review**
- 3. Execution of Program Agreements - Funding Agreements and/or Memorandums of Understanding**
- 4. Advance Financial Soundness Review – Only for applicants accessing site and design funding**
- 5. Final Financial Soundness Review**
- 6. Post Compliance Requirements**



CSFP Application Process

Dual Application Requirement:

- Applicants must submit separate applications to both the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and the California School Finance Authority (CSFA) to be considered for funding.

CSFA Submission Methods:

- **Hard Copy:**
 - Submit completed Form CSFA 03-01 with original signatures, to include a CD-ROM or flash drive with the full application package.
 - Must be delivered by mail or hand (no email or fax).
- **Online Portal:**
 - Submit via the Authority's website

Important Deadlines:

- Applications must be received by the final filing date posted on the Authority's website.
- Late applications will not be reviewed.
- If Form CSFA 03-01 is incomplete or lacks sufficient financial data, CSFA may request additional documents.
- Failure to provide required information may result in application rejection.



CSFP Supporting Documentation

Obligor Confirmation:

- Identify the entity responsible for the 50% local matching share.
- Choose between loan repayment or lump sum contribution.

Charter & Project Documentation:

- Copy of recent Charter authorization/renewal.
- Updated project description (scope, timeline, location, occupancy).
- Reports/evaluations from the chartering authority.

Financial Statements:

- Last 3 years audited financials (or unaudited if latest is unavailable).
- Current budget & 5-year projections (with assumptions).
- Projected financials (income, balance sheet, cash flow).



CSFP Supporting Documentation (Cont.)

Enrollment & Staffing:

- Current & projected enrollment (through 2029-30).
- Demographics: ADA, Free/Reduced-Price Meals, English Learners, Foster Youth.
- Waiting list (if available).
- FTE Teacher data (past, present, projected).

Governance & Borrowing:

- Resumes for key staff (CEO, CFO, Principal, etc.).
- Board members list (name, role, term).
- Details of any loans (\$50,000+) with over 1-year duration.

Legal:

- A completed Legal Status Questionnaire, to include any supplemental documentation.



CSFP – FSD Review Requirements

- **Financial and Operational projections:**
 - For next five fiscal years or two years following first full year occupying a facility improved using loan proceeds whichever is longer.
 - Assumptions must accompany all projections
 - For the fiscal year of application, applicants needs to provide either interim reports or unaudited actuals
- **Most Recent Three Years of Audited Financial Statements**
 - Statements should include all audit notes
- **Information on other liabilities:**
 - List the school's existing and anticipated short- and long-term loans
 - Breakout of rent for applicants with multiple sites
- **Proof/Confirmation of Lump Sum Contributions**
- **Full and complete project description with timelines**



CSFP – Financial Benchmarks

- **100% Debt Service Coverage during the first two years of repayment**
- Supplemental considerations:
 - Enrollment and ADA levels
 - Free Cash Flow per ADA
 - Free Cash Flow
 - Net Working Capital
 - Matching Share Payment relative to Operational Revenues
 - Net Working Capital relative to Operating Expenses



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Charter School Facilities Program

California Department of Education
School Facilities and Transportation Services
Division

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Background

- *Education Code, Section 17078.54(c)(1)(A)*
 - CDE approval for charter school applications
- *Education Code, Section 17251*
- *California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 14001, 14011-12, and 14030-36*



Charter School Facilities Program (CSFP)

- Charter schools or districts on behalf of charter schools may apply for a preliminary apportionment
- Applications being accepted July 3, 2025 – October 30, 2025
- Applications are submitted to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)



California Department of Education's (CDE) role

- For all projects New Construction or Rehab:
 - CDE provides the recommended acreage for preliminary apportionment to OPSC
- Letter from CDE will include recommended site acreage calculation
- Letter from CDE must be included in application to OPSC



CDE Recommended Acreage (cont.)

Information needed from applicant for CDE recommended acreage letter:

- Grade configuration of school
- Planned student capacity
- Parking
- Physical Education program (if applicable) and space needed
- Multi-level?

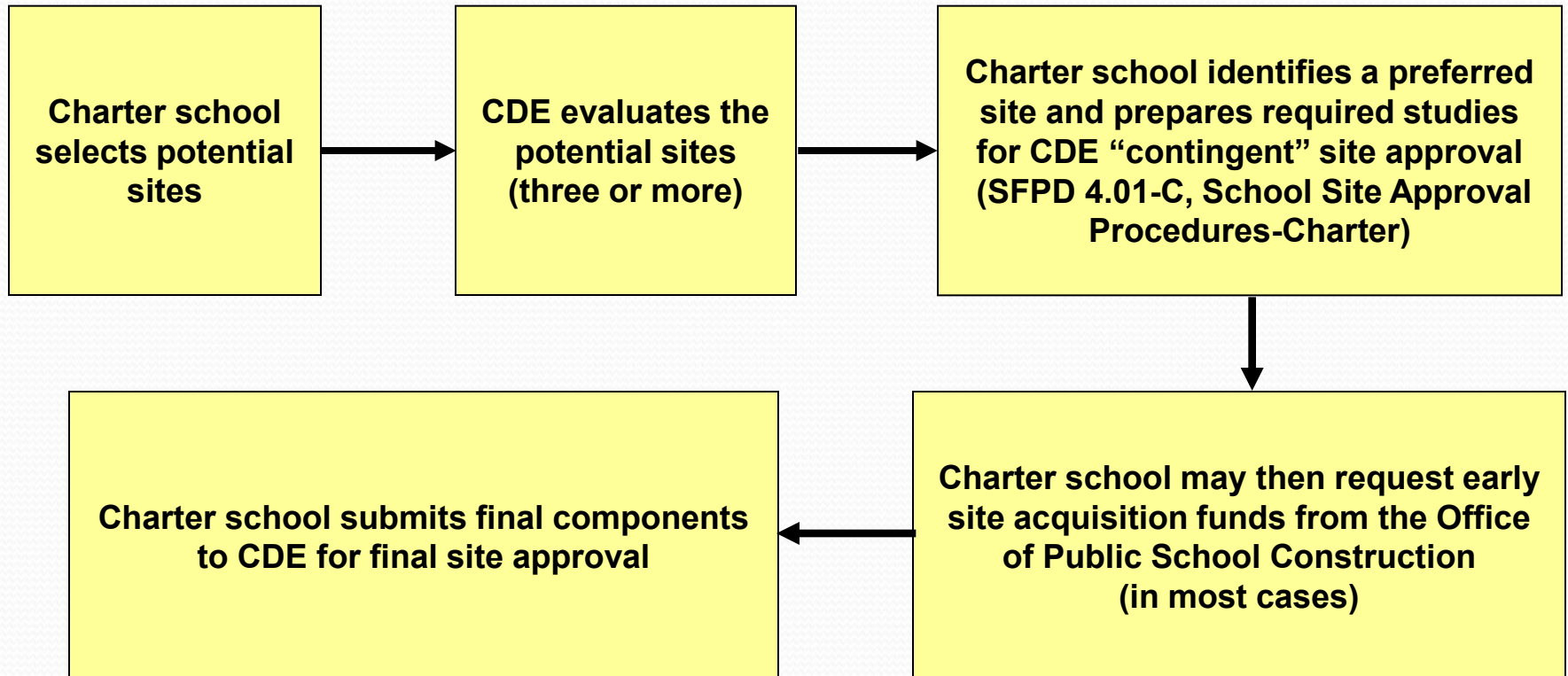


After Preliminary Apportionment

- Site and Plan Approvals required from CDE
- Approval letters included with Funding application to OPSC

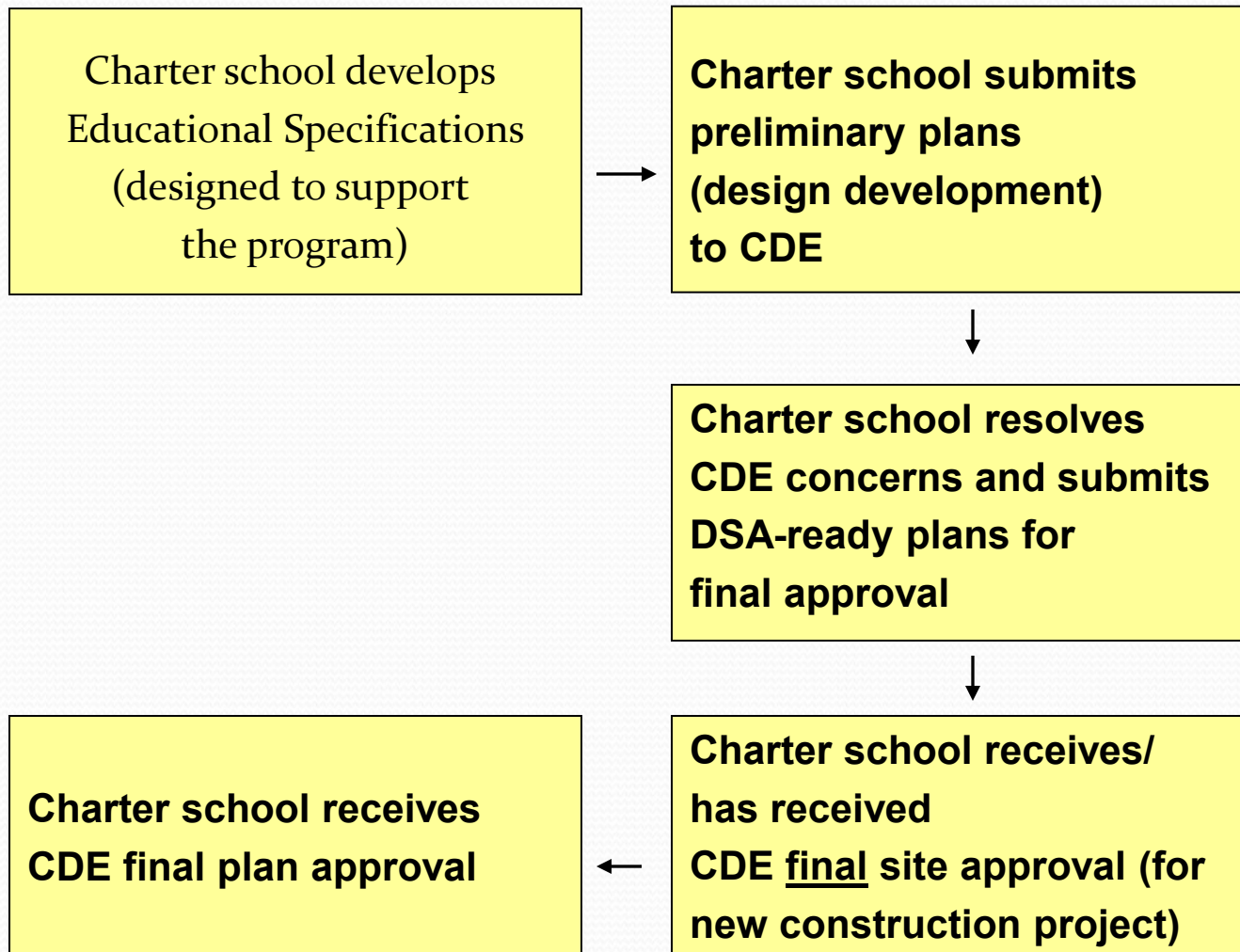


Site Approval Process Overview





Plan Approval Process Overview





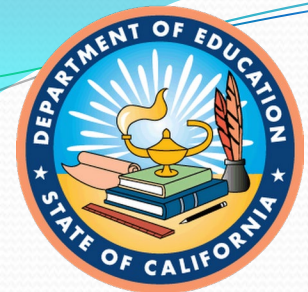
Resources for Evaluating Potential School Sites

- School Site Analysis and Development Guide
- School Site Selection and Approval Guide
- Local school districts
- Local planning agency
- Architects



CDE Web Site Resources

- Educational Specifications: Linking Design of School Facilities to Educational Program, 1997
- School Site Analysis and Development Guide, 2000
- School Site Selection and Approval Guide, 2000
- *California Code of Regulations, Title 5*
- Small School Site Policy
- Staff Assignments



CDE Address and Web Site

California Department of Education
School Facilities Planning Division

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<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/>

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