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Guideline for Construction Reimbursement Rates

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**Educational Facility Site, Construction, and
Reimbursement**

**Georgia Department of Education
Facilities Services Unit**

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NEW CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT RATES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

New School Construction \$80.00 sq. ft.

Additions:

Classrooms	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Media and Laboratories	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Physical Education	\$57.00 sq. ft.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

New School Construction \$82.00 sq. ft.

Additions:

Classrooms	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Media and Laboratories	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Physical Education	\$61.00 sq. ft.

HIGH SCHOOLS

New School Construction \$84.00 sq. ft.

Additions

Classrooms	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Media and Laboratories	\$80.00 sq. ft.
Physical Education	\$65.00 sq. ft.

Support Areas--The following costs apply *only* if the entire area represents *new construction* rather than an expansion of an existing area.

Administrative Area	\$ 73.00 sq. ft.
Kitchen	\$129.00 sq. ft.
Cafeteria	\$ 79.00 sq. ft.
Restrooms	\$ 85.00 sq. ft.
Circulation for new laboratory or media additions	\$ 80.00 sq. ft.

Design Professional Fees (Maximum)	6 percent
Contingencies (Maximum)	5 percent

RENOVATION REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Educational facilities occupied for more than ten years will earn up to \$14,000 per earned instructional unit as eligible need. Funding applications for renovations may be submitted when the instructional facility has been occupied for twenty or more years.

Eligible Renovation Rates for buildings previously renovated with Capital Outlay Program funds.

School systems will qualify for additional state funding for a second-round of renovation activities under the Regular Capital Outlay Program if the school system elects to use entitlement earnings for these activities and the following criterion are met:

1. Before additional funding may be requested for second-round renovation activities, a school system must submit *current* architectural cost estimates including descriptions of the renovation activities needed to the Facilities Services Unit for review.
2. A Facilities Services Consultant must validate the renovation activities and architectural cost estimates in an on-site visit before an application for additional renovation funding will be accepted.
3. Additional renovation activities will be eligible for state funding at the per unit cost for first-round renovation activities as shown above *if* the sum of the new architectural costs submitted plus any previous funding under the Capital Outlay Program do not equal or exceed the state formula cost per unit for new construction.

Since entitlement was earned on renovation needs previously identified and funded, renovation activities identified for a second-round of funding will not be eligible for earning entitlement until 20 years after:

- (a) an application was funded to renovate an existing building, or
- (b) bond debt service credit was awarded to renovate an existing building.

Design Professional Fees (Maximum)	6 percent
Contingencies (Maximum)	15 percent

	1450 – 1474	\$27,000
	1575 – 1849	\$28,000
	1850 – 2099	\$29,000
	2100 ⁺	\$30,000
Dishwasher	200 – 787	\$20,000
	788 – 1174	\$21,750
	1175 – 1574	\$23,500
	1575 ⁺	\$25,000
Serving Line	200 – 674	\$15,000
	675 – 1174	\$16,500
	1175 ⁺	\$18,000

MEDIA, CLASSROOM, MUSIC, ART, SCIENCE, ETC. MODIFICATIONS --

The total of all renovation and modification costs (previously funded or current need) may not exceed the state formula costs for new construction (addition or new school formula as appropriate).

CANOPIES -- Cost per sq. ft. not to exceed 50% of new construction costs.

Student Drop-Off	up to 2,000 square feet	\$16.00 per sf
Bus Area	up to 2,000 square feet	\$16.00 per sf

Note: the maximum total per facility is \$51,200

Design Professional Fees (Maximum)	6 percent
Contingencies (Maximum)	15 percent

Fund Source

Projects are normally funded by State general obligation bonds. If bond funding for state capital outlay projects is from federal or other sources that require additional expenditures, the GaDOE may increase state participation for that project up to eight percent dependent on projected increases in the cost of the project to meet the additional requirements.