# GOSA Policy on School Code Changes for Expenditures Data

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# Introduction

This document summarizes the process the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) uses to match schools across years for the Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR). Each year, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) produces a list of schools which have changed school codes between school years for various reasons.  In general, these changes fall into the following categories: [1]

- Changed School Code- The school code changed between years.  This can occur for many reasons, such as a change in grade served or a change in address.
- Merged Schools- Two or more schools merged to become one school.
- Split Schools- One school split into two or more schools.  The new schools may or may not serve the same, adjoining, or overlapping grade spans.
- Authorizer Change- A district charter school becomes a state charter school or vice versa or forms a new Local Education Agency (LEA) out of an existing LEA.
- Special Case- This includes other changes not included in the above categories. For example, all elementary schools in a district were K-5. Now, schools are split into K-2 and 3-5.

If a school is not identified in one of the categories above, GOSA will link expenditures data across years by school code, regardless of grade configuration or other changes at the school. The following sections provide the business rules for school code changes in these categories and lists all affected schools and are organized by the years in which the school code change takes place and the district name.  The number in parentheses is the district code, as used by the GaDOE.

Additional Notes:
- GOSA tracks school code changes for five years.[2]
- For calculations requiring enrollment counts, the Fall FTE counts (K-12) are used when related to expenditures to proportionally assign funds. GOSA utilizes the following rounding rules:
    - Dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest cent (e.g., $100.24).
    - Enrollment percentages are rounded to the nearest hundredth (e.g., 45.55% or 0.4555). These code changes affect only the 2017 school-level FESR.

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[1]While this document outlines procedures for assigning expenditures data for many school code changes, it is not feasible to anticipate every potential situation. As such, GOSA will respond to unique circumstances in a manner consistent with these procedures.

[2] For the policy on school code changes as it relates to the CCRPI, please see this document.

# Changed School Code

GOSA uses the school's most recent code and changes all previous years to match this code. This category includes schools that close and reopen with a different name or building but maintain substantially the same grade span and/or student attendance zone. This applies to the following schools:[3]

*2013 to 2014*

**Cobb County (633)**
- Smyrna Elementary School (214) opened in FY14 to replace the closing Brown Elementary School (4052).

*2014 to 2015*
No changed school codes

*2015 to 2016*
No schools with affected expenditures

*2016 to 2017*
**Atlanta Public Schools (761)**
- Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy (1414) opened in FY17 to replace the closing Bethune Elementary School (1052).

# Merged Schools

GOSA combines data for merged schools using the weighted average of enrollment where appropriate, even for prior years. The Fall FTE counts (K-12) are used when related to expenditures to proportionally assign funds. This applies to the following schools:[4]

*2013 to 2014*[5]

*2014 to 2015*
**Atlanta Public Schools (761)**
- Booker T. Washington High School for Banking (112), Booker T. Washington Early College Small School (113), and Booker T. Washington High School for Health and Sciences (114) merged into Booker T. Washington High School (315). Assign expenditures for school codes 112, 113, and 114 to school code 315. Note that school codes 113 and 114 do not have expenditures included in the FY17 FESR.

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[3] This list contains only schools that have affected expenditures.
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[5] The 2013-2014 had no schools with affected expenditures.

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**Muscogee County (706)**
- Cusseta Road Elementary School (1056) and Muscogee Elementary School (2065) merged to form Dorothy Height Elementary School (215). Assign expenditures for school codes 1056 and 2065 to school code 215.

*2015 to 2016*
**Bibb County (611)**
- King-Danforth Elementary School (1058) and Jones Elementary School (3062) merged into Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School (1306). Assign all expenditures for school codes 1058 and 3062 to school code 1306. Note that school code 1058 does not have expenditures included in the FY17 FESR.

**Fulton County (660)**
- Tubman Elementary School (290) and Oak Knoll Elementary School (1064) merged into College Park Elementary School (1315). Assign all expenditures for school codes 290 and 1064 to school code 1315. Note that school code 290 does not have expenditures included in the FY17 FESR.

**Jackson County (678)**
- West Jackson Elementary School (101) and West Jackson Primary School (280) merged into West Jackson Elementary School (101). Assign all expenditures for school code 280 to school code 101.

*2016 to 2017*
**Atlanta Public Schools (761)**
- The School of Health Sciences and Research at Carver (406) and The School of the Arts at Carver and (506) merged into Carver High School (1413). Assign expenditures for school codes 406 and 506 to school code 1413.
- Venetian Hills Elementary (2568) merged with Connally Elementary School (2057) to form Tuskegee Airman Global Academy (1416). Assign expenditures for school codes 2568 and 2057 to school code 1416.

**DeKalb County (644)**
- Meadowview Elementary School (3061) and Clifton Elementary School (5053) merged to form Barack H. Obama Elementary Magnet School (1103). Assign expenditures for school codes 3061 and 5053 to school code 1103.

**McIntosh County (698)**
- Todd Grant Elementary School (205), previously serving grades PK-3, inherited fourth and fifth grades from the closed Oak Grove Intermediate School (105). Assign expenditures for school codes 205 and 105 to school code 205.

**Terrell County (735)**
- Cooper Primary School (1051) and Carver Elementary (1050) merged to form Cooper-Carver Elementary School (1051). Assign expenditures for school codes 1051 and 1050 to school code 1051.

# Split Schools

When a school splits into more than one school and the old school code is no longer used, GOSA assigns expenditures data from the old school code to the new school codes based on enrollment in the current year.  If a school splits into more than one school and the old school code is still used, no changes are made; GOSA assumes that all expenditures are reported under the correct school code.  This applies to the following schools:

*2013 to 2014*
**Gordon County (664)**
Context/Details: Sonoraville East Middle School (192) split to form Red Bud Middle School (115) and Sonoraville Middle School (192).
GOSA Calculation: The old school code is still used; no changes are required.

**Lee County (688)**
Context/Details: Lee County Middle School split (101) into two schools: Lee County Middle School East (114) and Lee County Middle School West (101).
GOSA Calculation: The old school code is still used; no changes are required.

**Long County (691)**
Context/Details: Walker Middle School (school code 105) split into Long County Middle School (114) and Walker Elementary School (214).
GOSA Calculation: In FY17, no expenditures included in the FESR were reported for school code 105; no changes are required.

*2014 to 2015*
None

*2015 to 2016*
None

*2016 to 2017*
**Wheeler County (753)**
Context/Details: Wheeler High School (3052), previously serving both middle and high school grades, split to form Wheeler High School (3052), and the new Wheeler County Middle School (1053).
GOSA Calculation:  The old school code is still used; no changes are required.

# Authorizer Change

GOSA determines how to handle changes in authorizers on a case-by-case basis.

*2013 to 2014*
None

*2014 to 2015*
**State Charter Schools – Georgia Cyber Academy**
Context/Details: Georgia Cyber Academy (7820120) founded and developed out of the Odyssey School (7820110).
GOSA Calculation: Because the new school is a different LEA, no changes are required.

*2015 to 2016*
None

*2016 to 2017*
None

# Special Cases

For special cases, GOSA reassigns expenditures from school codes that are no longer used. The method of allocation is determined on a case-by-case basis. If all prior school codes are still used, no changes are required. This applies to the following schools:

*2013 to 2014*
**Franklin County (659)**
Context/Details: Two PK-5 schools, Central Franklin Elementary (107) and Carnesville Elementary (2050), merged and then split into a PK-2 school, Carnesville Elementary Primary (2050), and a 3-5 school, Carnesville Elementary Intermediate School (107).
GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

*2014 to 2015*
**Crisp County (640)**
Context/Details: Crisp County condensed its two lower elementary, Blackshear Trail Elementary School (1050) and J.S. Pate Elementary School (5050) and two upper elementary schools, A.S. Clark Elementary School (297) and Southwestern (2052) into a Pre-K school: Crisp County Pre-K (5050), one lower elementary school (K-3): Crisp County Primary School (115), and one upper elementary school (4-5): Crisp County Elementary School (2052).
GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

**Houston County (676)**
Context/Details: Houston County (Warner Robins) reconfigured two PK-5 schools, Linwood Elementary School (102) and Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175) into a PK-2 school, C.B. Watson Primary School (102) and a 3-5 school, Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175).
GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

Context/Details: Houston County (Perry) changed the grade configurations of one PK-1 school, Perry Primary (400), and two 2-5 schools, Morningside Elementary School (2054) and Tucker Elementary School (3056) and created three PK-5 schools: Langston Road Elementary School (117), Morningside Elementary (2054), and Tucker Elementary School (3056).
GOSA Calculation: Perry Primary School (400) reported expenditures included in the FESR in FY17; these are summed and reallocated to the new schools based on Kindergarten and 1st grade enrollment in FY17.

*2015 to 2016*
**Gainesville City (776)**
Context/Details: Grades 6-8 were removed from the Academy at Wood's Mill (210) and relocated to Gainesville Middle School (110), which serves grade 6-8. The Academy at Wood's Mill now serves grades 9-12.
GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

**Stephens County (727)**

Context/Details: Stephens County reorganized four Pre-K through 5 schools (Liberty Elementary School (187), Big A. Elementary School (195), Toccoa Elementary School (197), and Estanollee Elementary School (295)) into four schools with differing grades served. Big A. Elementary School (195) now serves PK-KK, and Liberty Elementary School (187) serves grades 1-2. Toccoa Elementary School (197) serves grades 2-4, and Stephens County Fifth Grade Academy (296) serves grade 5.

GOSA Calculation: Estanollee Elementary School (295) reported expenditures included in the FESR in FY17; these expenditures are reallocated to the new schools based on enrollment in FY17.

*2016 to 2017*

**Dawson County (698)**

Context/Details: Dawson County Middle School (106) and Dawson County Junior High (109), both serving grades 6-8, merged and split to create Dawson County Middle School (106), serving grades six and seven, and Dawson County Junior High (109), serving grade eight.

GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

**Meriwether County (699)**

Context/Details: Meriwether County reconfigured a group of schools twice; once between the 2014 to 2015 school year, and once between the 2016 to 2017 school year. In the first reconfiguration, Greenville Middle School (400) closed. Most students transferred to the new combined Greenville Middle/High School (300) serving grades 7-12, while sixth graders enrolled in one of the two PK-6 elementary schools; Unity Elementary (100) or George E. Washington Elementary (102). In the second reconfiguration, grades 7-8 from the Middle/High School and grade 6 from the two elementary schools merged to once again form Greenville Middle School, under a new school code (401). Greenville High School (300) returned to serving grades 9-12, while Unity Elementary (100) and Georgie E. Washington Elementary (102) returned to serving grades PK-5.

GOSA Calculation: School code 400 is the only school code that is not still used. However, no expenditures included in the FESR were reported under this school code in FY17; no changes are required.

**Mitchell County (701)**

Context/Details: Two elementary schools, South Mitchell County Elementary School (198) and North Mitchell County Elementary School (111), merged and split to form Mitchell County Primary School (198), Mitchell County Elementary School (111), and Mitchell County Middle School (197). Mitchell County Primary serves grades PK-1, Mitchell County Elementary serves grades 2-4, and Mitchell County Middle School serves grades 5-7. Eighth grade students from Mitchell County Middle School transferred to Mitchell County High School (282), which now serves grades 8-12.

GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.

**Sumter County (729)**

Context/Details: Sumter County reconfigured its schools twice; once between the 2015 to 2016 school year, and once between the 2016 to 2017 school year. In the first reconfiguration, Sumter county reorganized two sets of PK-8 schools: Sumter County Primary School (100) grades PK-2, Sumter County Elementary School (188) grades 3-5, Sumter County Middle School (190) grades 6-8, Sarah Cobb Elementary (395) grades PK-4, and Staley Middle School (595) grades 5-8 to form Sumter County Early Learning Center (395) PK-K, Sumter County Primary School (100) grades 1-2, Sumter County Elementary School (188) grades 3-4,

Sumter County Intermediate School (595) grades 5-6, and Sumter County Middle School (190) grades 7-8. In the second reconfiguration, Sumter County Early Learning Center (395), which served PK-K, closed, transferring its students to Sumter County Primary School (100), which served grades 1-2 and now serves grades PK-2. Sumter County Elementary School (188), which served grades 3-4, now serves grades 2-3. Sumter County Intermediate School (595), which previously served grades 5-6 now serves grades 4-6. Sumter County Middle School (190) continues to serve grades 7-8.

GOSA Calculation: Assign expenditures from school code 395 to school codes 100, 188 and 595 based on enrollment FY17.

**White County (754)**

Context/Details: Tesnatee Gap Elementary School (100), serving grades 3-5, and Jack P. Nix Elementary (200), serving grades PK-2, merged and split to form two PK-5 schools with the same names and school codes.

GOSA Calculation: All prior school codes are still used; no changes are required.