

<b>GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE</b>	Transmittal # 18-8	Policy #13.1
Applicability: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All DJJ Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Facilities	Related Standards & References: O.C.G.A. §49-4A-12 ACA Standards: 4-JCF-1C-15, 4-JCF-5D-01, 08 3-JDF-2E-05, 3-JDF-5C-03, 3-JDF-5C-04-3	
Chapter 13: EDUCATION	Effective Date:4/20/18 Scheduled Review Date:4/20/19	
Subject: SCHOOL DISTRICT	Replaces: 7/25/17 Office of Education	
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**I. POLICY:**

The Department of Juvenile Justice-Georgia Preparatory Academy (DJJ-GPA) shall follow all applicable rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. DJJ, with all the powers, privileges, and authority of a special school district shall provide students with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

**II. DEFINITIONS:**

**Georgia State Board of Education:** The body that provides statewide leadership necessary to ensure the opportunity for each public-school student to be successful.

**Strategic Waiver:** The system receives flexibility from certain state laws, rules, and regulations.

**III. PROCEDURES:**

- A. The Commissioner is the Superintendent of Schools.
  - 1. The Superintendent will approve strategic waiver requests from the Associate Superintendent.
  - 2. The Superintendent will request strategic waivers from the Georgia Department of Education.
  
- B. The DJJ School District will be comprised of the following state-operated facilities that provide educational services:
  - 1. Youth Development Campuses;
  - 2. Regional Youth Detention Centers; and

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3. Education Transition Centers.

C. The Director of the Office of Education is the Associate Superintendent of Schools.

1. The Associate Superintendent of Schools will be responsible for the development, administration, operation, and evaluation of all education programs.
2. The Associate Superintendent of Schools will serve as the liaison between the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), and other educational agencies.
3. The Associate Superintendent of Schools will ensure that educational services are appropriate to achieve identified goals and student outcomes.
4. The Associate Superintendent of Schools will assign Regional Principals to schools to ensure that the educational services are appropriate to achieve identified goals and student outcomes. Regional Principals are required to visit each of their assigned schools at least twice a month.

D. Each facility will meet minimum educational facility requirements mandated by state law in all educational facilities used by students.

1. Each facility will provide space that allows classes to be conducted simultaneously without one class interfering with another.
2. Teachers will have planning periods in areas not occupied by students. All classroom and instructional areas in academic and Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) will be provided appropriate furnishings and equipment to support instructional activities.

E. The Department of Juvenile Justice School District - Georgia Preparatory Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, pregnancy, childbirth or related conditions, genetic information, or sexual orientation in its programs, activities, or employment practices pursuant to the DJJ 3.20, Non-Discrimination in the Workplace, Titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Titles I and II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADA AA) of 2008.

**IV. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED: NO**