



**Facilities Section**

**GEORGIA'S CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM  
EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH PROGRAM FUNDING CATEGORY**

**Exceptional Growth Funding**

Since the regular capital outlay program was originally developed when student population was declining in Georgia, sufficient funding has not been available under the regular capital outlay funding categories to address the need for new schools and classroom additions. Therefore, an additional tier of funding titled "exceptional growth" was added by amending the law in 1993 to provide additional funding that can only be used for new construction. Annual entitlement earnings under this category are based on each system's growth in relationship to the growth experienced by all school systems. The following formula is used to calculate a school system's annual growth entitlement earnings:

1. 
$$\frac{\text{Average Annual FTE for most recent three years} - \text{Average Annual FTE for the last three years prior to the last completed school year}}{\text{Average Annual FTE for the last three years prior to the last completed school year for each school system}} = \frac{\text{Average Annual FTE Growth for Each System (Positive Nos. Only)}}{\text{Each School System's Rate of Growth}}$$

*(Must be equal to or greater than 65 to qualify)*

*(Must be equal to or greater than 1.5% to qualify)*

**3. ONLY THOSE SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH AN AVERAGE ANNUAL FTE GROWTH THAT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS 65 (as calculated in 1.) and A RATE OF GROWTH THAT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS 1.5% (as calculated in 2.) QUALIFY TO EARN ENTITLEMENT UNDER THE EXCEPTIONAL GROWTH PROGRAM.**

4. Each **ELIGIBLE** School System's Average Annual FTE Growth = Each **ELIGIBLE** System's Total Statewide **ELIGIBLE** Growth **Ratio of Growth**

5. **ELIGIBLE** School System's x Annual Program = Each **ELIGIBLE** School System's Annual Ratio of Growth Authorization Level Entitlement Earnings for *Exceptional Growth*

Required local participation in applications for exceptional growth funding is the same as it is for the regular capital outlay funding category.