

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

**DATE:** June 28, 2024

**REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE:** 8.009, Educational Sites

**SUMMARY:** Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites, defines university educational sites and identifies processes for the establishment, reclassification, relocation, and closing of educational sites.

Board staff recommend an amendment to Regulation 8.009 to streamline and clarify the regulation. Board staff recommends renaming the regulation to “Educational Locations” since the term “sites” is used to define a sub-set of location types and does not apply to the entire regulation. The proposed amendment also incorporates provisions from Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination, that relate to education sites. The proposed amendment to Regulation 8.009 restructures the regulation to better outline the requirements for education locations. It makes the following changes:

- Clarifies definitions for the types of educational locations;
- Removes the classification of “Special Purpose Site” and creates the classification of “Other Sites”;
- Clarifies the process and locations that require Board of Governors’ approval;
- Delineates the requirements for international locations;
- Outlines the process for establishing a new location that may transition into a site requiring Board of Governors’ approval;
- Incorporates the process from Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination, for a university to offer a degree or certificate program or substantial parts of a program at a location other than the main campus or existing additional campuses.

**FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.**

**AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S):** Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION:** Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs

**COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System, 325 W. Gaines St., Suite 1614, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), or [generalcounsel@flbog.edu](mailto:generalcounsel@flbog.edu).

**~~8.009 Educational Sites.~~**

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~~university-owned, university-leased, or jointly used with another public institution. Instructional programs or courses leading to a college degree are typically not offered at~~

~~Such format(s) shall include, at a minimum, the following elements: relationship to the university's mission; assessment of student demand; availability of necessary facilities, equipment, and faculty; effect on local articulation agreements; and projections of lower-level FTE, operating budget, and staffing.~~

~~(3) The following approval processes for establishing, reclassifying, relocating, and closing educational sites apart from the main campus apply to the State University System:~~

- ~~(a) Each board of trustees shall adopt regulations consistent with this paragraph for the establishment, reclassification, relocation, and closing of educational sites apart from the main campus, including international educational sites and educational sites located in other states, and for the acquisition of real property on which such educational sites will be located.~~
- ~~(b) As an initial part of the process that may lead to the acquisition, establishment, reclassification, relocation, or closing of additional campuses or special purpose centers, the~~

(f) In addition to addressing the elements specified in (3)(e), proposals for the

## **8.009 Educational Locations**

- (1) Educational locations are defined as the following.
  - (a) **Main Campus:** The primary location of the university's educational, research, and administrative activities. Within Florida, on-site lower-level (1000- and 2000-level) courses shall be offered only on a university's main campus unless approved by the Board of Governors.
  - (b) **Additional Campus:** A university's instructional, research, and administrative unit that is apart from the main campus. This includes campuses that have received separate institutional accreditation. Campuses under this definition meet the following requirements and require Board of Governors approval:
    1. Primarily offers students upper-division undergraduate and graduate programs.
    2. Provides a wide range of administrative and student support services appropriate for the number of full-time equivalent university students served.
    3. Reflects a relatively permanent commitment by a university in facilities that are university

centers typically do not offer instructional programs or courses leading to a degree. Cooperative extension sites are not considered special purpose centers. Special purpose centers require Board of Governors approval.

- (d) **International Site:** A unit of a university other than an additional campus or special purpose center located outside the United States. International sites may be established and closed by universities consistent with regulations established by their boards of trustees.
  - (e) **Instructional Site:** A temporary instructional unit of a university, apart from the main campus, that provides a limited range of educational programs or courses leading to a college degree in facilities not owned by the institution within the United States. Instructional sites may be established and closed by universities consistent with regulations established by their boards of trustees.
  - (f) **Other Site:** A location apart from the university in the United States primarily intended for non-instructional functions. Limited courses or community outreach services may be available at such locations; however, entire degree programs may not be offered at locations classified as other sites. Other sites may be established and closed by universities consistent with regulations established by ent
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3. If a university would like to offer a new degree program or programs at a new additional campus or special purpose center, the university must follow the steps in Regulation 8.011, Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval and collaborate with the president of any impacted State University System institution.
4. If the university would like to offer an existing program or more than half of the total required credits of an existing program at a new location, the university must provide details on the location change to the Chancellor and collaborate with the president of any impacted State University System institution.
5. The Chancellor or designee shall establish a template for university boards of trustees to request these actions for consideration by the Board of Governors.

**(b) Any location outside of the United States:** The university president must notify the Chancellor in writing regarding any proposal for the establishment of any location outside the United States. The proposal to establish any location outside the United States should include the following:

1. The relationship of the location to the institution's mission and strategic plan;
2. Any known legal requirements





