Public Schools | Community Spaces

Proposition 39
Public Schools are Community Spaces

1. All L.A. Unified schools are public facilities
2. Space can be shared with:
   - District Offices
   - Alternate Programs and Other Schools
   - Various Third-Party Organizations
   - Local District Offices
   - Special Education Offices
   - Maintenance and Operations Offices or LA School Police
   - Pilot Schools
   - Magnet Programs
   - Adult Schools or Pre-K Programs
   - Charter Schools
   - Beyond the Bell Programs
   - Wellness Centers
   - Community Based Organizations
   - After-School Programs
Community Spaces

Benefits of Sharing School Facilities with Community Organizations

✓ Potential support services available to students
✓ Additional personnel to oversee the facilities
✓ Collaboration on campus-wide activities
✓ Sharing of promising practices and proven strategies
✓ Modeling effective leadership for students and families
We Are One: L.A. Unified

- Public School Choice Resolution
- Civic Center Act
- Joint Use Agreements
- Proposition 39
On August 25, 2009, the Los Angeles Unified School District adopted the Public School Choice Resolution (PSCR) to open 50 new schools and to address the need to support the District’s lowest performing school through innovative school plans and community-based, charter, and district partnerships between 2010-2012.
CIVIC CENTER ACT

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE, Section 38131

There is a civic center at each and every public school facility and grounds within the state where the citizens, parent teacher associations, Camp Fire girls, Boy Scout troops, veterans’ organizations, farmers’ organizations, school-community advisory councils, senior citizens’ organizations, clubs, and associations can engage in supervised recreational activities; where they may meet, discuss and have events.
A joint use agreement is a *legally binding contract between two or more entities that is reciprocal and mutually beneficial*. Joint use projects are developed in partnership with third parties to develop and operate LAUSD facilities to benefit students, partners, and the larger community. Typical partners may include governmental agencies, community-based organizations, sports organizations, or private entities.
PROPOSITION 39
CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE, Section 47614

• Program mandated by a state law
• Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act of 2000
• Amended California Education Code, Section 47614
• Law requirements:
  – Allows school facilities bond measures to be approved by 55% (rather than 2/3 of the voters) in local elections
  – School districts are required to share all space fairly
The intent of the people in amending Section 47614 is that public school facilities should be shared fairly among all public school pupils, including those in charter schools.

Each school district shall make available, to each charter school operating in the school district, facilities sufficient for the charter school to accommodate all of the charter school’s in-district students in conditions reasonably equivalent to those in which the students would be accommodated if they were attending other public schools of the district.
PROPOSITION 39
CDE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS

§ 11969.1. Purpose and Stipulation

(a) This article governs provision of facilities by school districts to charter schools under Education Code section 47614.

(b) If a charter school and a school district mutually agree to an alternative to specific compliance with any of the provisions of this article, nothing in this article shall prohibit implementation of that alternative, including, for example, funding in lieu of facilities in an amount commensurate with local rental or lease costs for facilities reasonably equivalent to facilities of the district.

AUTHORITY:

Note: Authority cited: Sections 33031 and 47614(b), Education Code. Reference: Section 47614, Education Code.
PROPOSITION 39
MATCHING GUIDELINES

• The District must make reasonable efforts to locate a charter school near where it wished to locate

• A charter school shall be provided with reasonably equivalent space

• The District shall minimize the number of sites on which a charter is located on

• The District shall not move a charter school unnecessarily
PROPOSITION 39
SCHEDULE OF STEPS

• Electronic Capacity Assessment Roadshow (E-CAR)
• ADA Projections and Provisional Matches of Space
• Local District Instructional Committee Meetings
• Review and Approval by the Superintendent
• School Site Notification and Community Meetings
• Scoping and Issuance of Final Offers of Space

*** Please read detailed descriptions of these steps in Co–Location FAQ ***
PROPOSITION 39 TIMELINE

Charter Schools
Nov 1st
Submit written requests for facilities including projected Average Daily Attendance (“ADA”).

LAUSD
Dec 1st
Reviews Charters’ ADA projections and agrees, or objects and responds with projections the District considers reasonable.

Charter Schools
Jan 2nd
Respond to District’s ADA projections.

LAUSD
Feb 1st
Makes preliminary proposals to Charter Schools with eligible facilities requests.

Charter Schools
Mar 1st
Respond to preliminary proposals.

LAUSD
Apr 1st
Makes final offers to Charter Schools.

Charter Schools
May 1st
Accept or reject final offers. If final offers are accepted, Charter Schools occupy sites 10 working days prior to their first day of school instruction.
Why does the district school have to share space with the charter school?

2003: CA Prop 39 Law established that charter school students that live within LAUSD boundaries are entitled to space at the LAUSD district schools they would have otherwise attended.

All Los Angeles County residents, including parents of charter school students, pay rent/property taxes that go towards LAUSD facilities. Therefore, charter schools’ in – district students are legally entitled to space on LAUSD campuses.
Will the charter school pay the District for the maintenance and operational costs of the facilities?

Yes.

The charter school must pay their fair share (pro – rata = per square footage cost) for the space that they have exclusive use of and the partial space that they have partial use of.

In addition, the charter school also has to pay for their fair share of the salary and benefits of the custodial staff servicing the facilities.
Who is responsible for the overall safety of the campus?

The **District Principal** is responsible during times of crisis and both District personnel and Charter School Personnel must follow the Safe School Plan. Administrative teams from both schools are encouraged to schedule **monthly planning meetings**.
1. Facilities Services Division staff assess the construction needs of the campus, and invest resources to accommodate the Co–Location

2. Local District Leadership support school site leaders in identifying and addressing the potential challenges of sharing a campus

3. Charter School Operations Coordinators facilitate collaborative working relationships between district and charter school leaders