



Status Quo System

A Status Quo System is a district that has elected not to request increased flexibility in exchange for increased accountability and defined consequences and opted to remain under all current Title 20 laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Status Quo is a traditional school system that has no performance contract in place. No waivers are allowed under this option with the exception of Class Size and only under extraordinary circumstances. Should unforeseen and subsequent circumstances arise that create a hardship for a Status Quo System, the SBOE may approve waiver requests made in accordance with O.C.G.A. §20-2-244 and/or §50-13-9.1

For example, a Class Size waiver can be granted if a Status Quo System can demonstrate a substantial hardship within the context that it elected to remain under all current laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. "Substantial hardship" is a significant, unique, and demonstrable economic, technological, legal, or other type of deprivation to an LEA which impairs its ability to continue to successfully meet the requirements of educational programs or services to its students.

Furthermore, the State Board of Education may approve the Class Size waiver request only in the limited circumstances where educationally justified and where an act of God or other unforeseen event led to the precipitous rise in enrollment within that system, or led to another occurrence which resulted in the local board's inability to comply with the maximum class size requirement

Under the Status Quo System, waivers cannot be granted for:

- Expenditure controls and categorical allotment requirements
- Certification requirements
- Salary schedule requirements