



GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

POSITION STATEMENT: Workspace Standards Recommendations

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School psychologists have endured poor workspace in public schools since the dawn of the profession. Unfortunately, many times the psychologist is relegated to facility "leftovers" that compromise service integrity, as well as legal and ethical (as well as common-sense) guidelines. The Georgia Association of School Psychologists recommends the following minimum standards for workspace in Georgia's schools. The standards are divided with respect to existing or new (or renovated) construction:

Minimum Standard (existing construction)

- 8' X 12' room (96 square feet)
- adequate heating, air conditioning and ventilation
- classroom-similar lighting
- adult and student-sized chairs and adjustable table
- site selected for minimum ambient noise
- room not already identified as a clinic, closet or bathroom
- electrical outlet
- exits as per building code
- accessible for persons with disabilities
- entry door with long, narrow window



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Best Practices Standard (new or renovated construction)

- Minimum standards met, plus:
- 15' X 10' room (150 square feet)
- file cabinet (small) or closet (small)
- blackboard
- window
- 4-6 stackable or folding chairs
- intercom system with the office