Charter School Site and Plan Approval

for the Charter School Facilities Program



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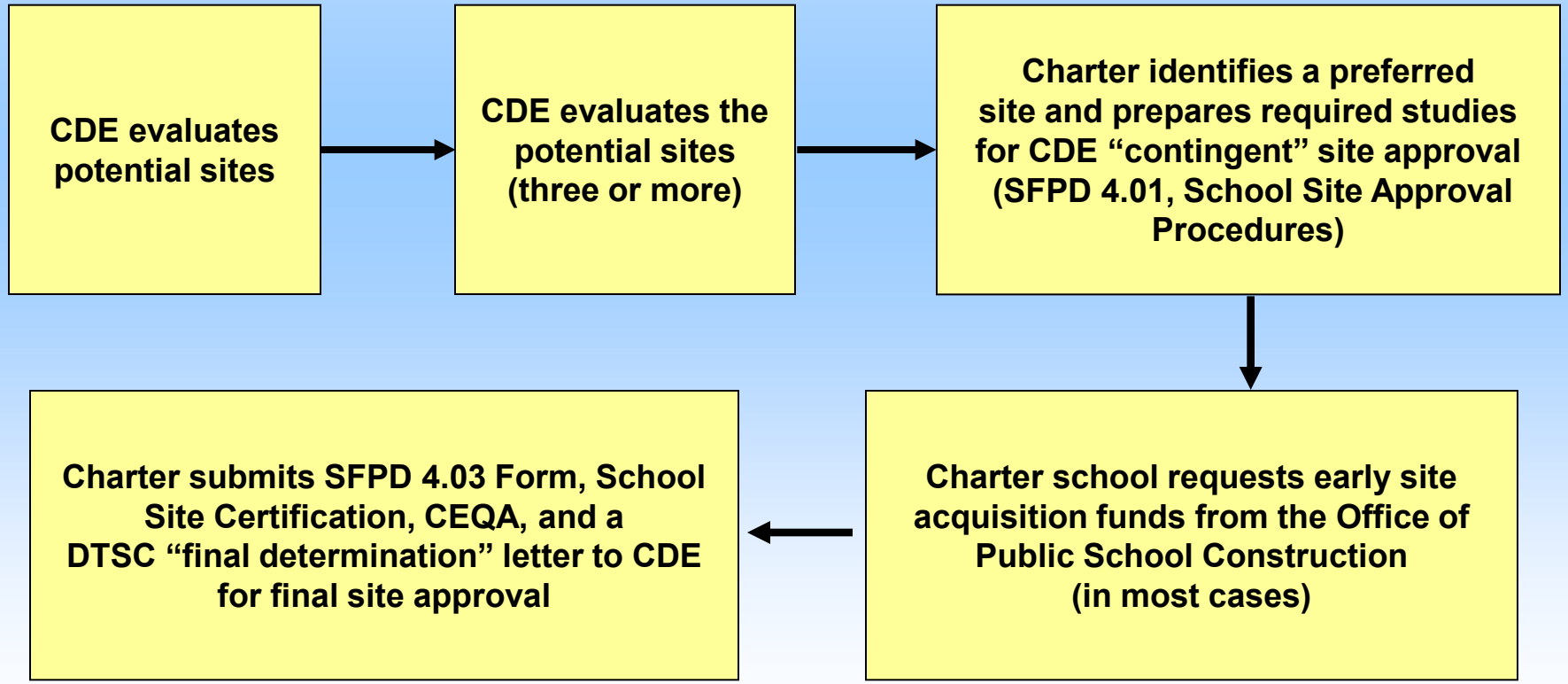
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Background

- *Education Code*, Section 17078.54(c)(1)(A)
  CDE approval for charter school applications
- *Education Code*, Section 17251
- *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Sections 14010 and 14030

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Site Approval Process Overview



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Resources for Evaluating Potential School Sites

- *School Site Analysis and Development Guide*
- *School Site Selection and Approval Guide*
- Local school districts
- Local planning agency
- Architects

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CDE Evaluation of Potential School Sites

Includes:

- ✓ Site size and shape
- ✓ Airports within two nautical miles
- ✓ Pipelines within 1,500 feet
- ✓ Power lines within 350 feet
- ✓ Traffic
- ✓ Surrounding land uses

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Prepare Studies for the Preferred Site

- Required studies are listed on the SFPD 4.01, School Site Approval Procedures

- If requesting early site funds from the State Allocation Board, the following are not required:
  - Department of Toxic Substances Control "final determination" letter
  - Completion of CEQA action
  - SFPD 4.03 Form, School Site Certification

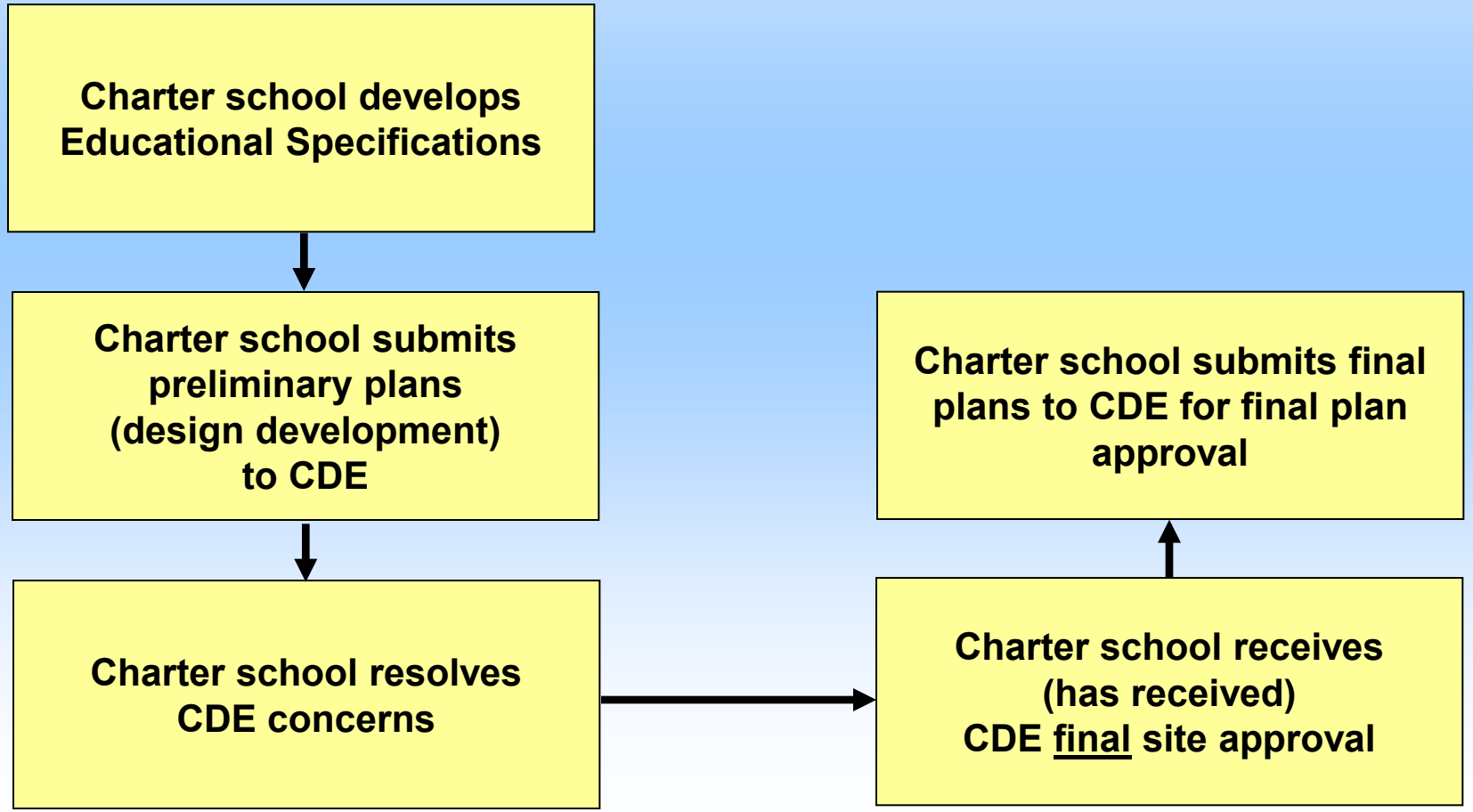
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CDE Final Site Approval Requirements

- ✓ Department of Toxic Substances Control "final determination" letter
- ✓ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Completion
- ✓ A signed SFPD 4.03, School Site Certification
- ➢ *A CDE final site approval is valid for five years*

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Plan Approval Process Overview



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Preliminary Plans

- Opportunity for early comments from CDE
- Easier to make changes
- Makes final plan review quicker

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CDE Plan Review Looks at:

- Includes
  - Classroom Size
  - Parking layout, Drop-off, Pick-up
  - Physical Education
  - Students per acre

  - See Title 5 Regulations 14030 for complete list.

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Resources on CDE Web

- *Educational Specifications: Linking Design of School Facilities to Educational Program*, 1997
- *School Site Analysis and Development Guide*, 2000
- *School Site Selection and Approval Guide*, 2000
- *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5
- Small School Site Policy
- Staff Assignments

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