

Career Technical Education Facilities Program

Determine Your Locale Using National Center for Education Statistics

1. Go to the [National Center for Educational Statistics Website](http://www.nces.ed.gov) at www.nces.ed.gov.
2. Click on the tab on top of the page entitled "Data Tools."
3. Select "Visit Search for Public School Districts."
4. Select "California" from the drop down menu and enter the "County" the school is located in. Click "Search" on the right hand side of the screen.
5. Click on the "School District" the School is located in that County.
6. In the "District Information" box, under "District Name," click on the "schools for this district" link.
7. Click on the "school name" being searched in that District.
8. Under the Individual School Data, the section "School Characteristics" lists the "Locale/Code."
9. The Locale/Code determines whether a school site is Rural, Suburban or Urban.

School Facility Program Regulations define each of these terms as follows:

- "Rural Area" shall be a school with a locale code of 41, 42, or 43 as classified by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). After August 28, 2019, the definition shall include locale codes 31, 32, and 33 as classified by the NCES.
- "Suburban Area" shall be a school with a locale code of either 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, or 33 as classified by the NCES. After August 28, 2019, the definition shall only include locale codes 21, 22, and 23 as classified by the NCES.
- "Urban Area" shall be a school with a locale code of 11, 12 or 13 as classified by the NCES.