

# **BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES**

## **2006 – 2007**

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The State Board of Education (SBE) budget guidelines were developed pursuant to Sections 1000.02(2), 1001.02(2)(e), 1011.01, 1001.64(11), and 1011.40(1), Florida Statutes. These sections of law provide general guidance for policy and budget preparation for the K-20 education system in Florida.

#### **GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

- Allocate funds to initiatives that will “make a difference”
- Allocate funds based upon the State Board of Education’s priorities
- Use the most current estimates of enrollment demand and available capacity
- Maximize access and efficiency by sharing facilities
- 4 R’s of Budgeting: Realistic, Relevant, Responsible and Results
- Program and fiscal state policy should be the foundation of the budget
- Consider potential sources of revenue for operations and capital outlay including federal, state, local, and private funds

#### **PRIORITIES**

(Listed in order from high to low)

- Align funding with one or more of the Eight Strategic Imperatives of the State Board of Education (January 2005) and designated specific strategic projects
  1. Increase the Supply of Highly Effective Teachers
  2. Set, Align and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards
  3. Improve Student Rates of Learning
  4. Improve the Quality of Instructional Leadership
  5. Increase the Quantity and Improve the Quality of Education Options
  6. Align Workforce Education Programs with Skill Requirements of the New Economy
  7. Align Financial Resources with Performance
  8. Coordinate Efforts to Improve Higher Student Learning
- Improve student achievement, especially in reading
- Student enrollment for Grades Pre K-12
- Improve access to higher education, including student financial aid
- Annual review of non-recurring and recurring line item appropriations
- Construct, restore, and renovate education facilities
- Provide client services for Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services
- Align funding with community needs and unique institutional missions

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FLORIDA'S K-20 EDUCATION SYSTEM**

The guiding principles for Florida's PreK-20 education system are (Section 1000.02 (2), F.S. and Chapter 2004-484, L.F.):

- A coordinated, seamless system for kindergarten through graduate school education
- A system that is student-centered in every facet
- A system that maximizes education access and allows the opportunity for a high quality education for all Floridians
- A system that safeguards equity and supports academic excellence
- A system that provides for local operational flexibility while promoting accountability for student achievement and improvement
- A system that supports a high quality voluntary prekindergarten program

### **2006-07 BUDGET CALENDAR**

- June 21, 2005: SBE Approval of Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Guidelines
- June 2005: Universities submit LBR issues to Chancellor
- July 21, 2005: Board of Governors approve SUS, LBR
- August 16, 2005: SBE Approval of the Operating LBR
- September 15, 2005: Operating LBR is submitted
- September 20, 2005 SBE approval of Fixed Capital Outlay Budget
- October 15, 2005 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget is submitted