

# **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **2009–10 BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES**

The State Board of Education (SBE) budget guidelines were developed pursuant to Sections 1000.02(2), 1001.64(11), 1011.01, 1011.11, 1011.40(1), and 1013.60, Florida Statutes. These sections of law provide general guidance for policy and budget preparation for the K-20 education system in Florida. The guidelines will be used in the preparation of the 2009-10 Legislative Budget Request (LBR).

### **GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

- Advocate for funds based upon the State Board of Education's priorities including the Next Generation Initiatives
- Sound education and fiscal state policy should be the foundation of the budget
- Maximize access and efficiency by sharing facilities
- Use the most current estimating conference data relating to enrollment and capacity
- Review line item appropriations for necessity of continued funding
- 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 the goals of the State Board of Education and designated specific strategic projects:
  1. Develop a seamless PK – 20 education system
  2. Increase college and workforce readiness
  3. Increase foundation skills
  4. Improve quality of teachers/teaching in the education system
  5. Improve/increase educational choice options
  6. Ensure that resources are aligned to goals
  7. Increase access to post-secondary education
- Provide funding for student enrollment for Grades Pre K-12
- Improve access to higher education, including student financial aid
- 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 Section 1002.53, F.S.):

- 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

### **2009-10 BUDGET CALENDAR**

- June 17, 2008: State Board of Education approval of Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Guidelines
- August 7, 2008: Board of Governors approve SUS Operating LBR
- August 19, 2008: State Board of Education approval of the Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay LBR
- September 25, 2008: Board of Governors approval of Fixed Capital Outlay LBR
- October 15, 2008: State Board of Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay LBR is submitted
- October 15, 2008: Board of Governors Fixed Capital Outlay Budget is submitted