

Florida Department of Education

State Board of Education Workshop

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Purposes:

- To present the relationship of the Florida College System mission in Florida, particularly the open-door admissions policy, to the funding of the colleges.
- To explore the implications of historical funding patterns on the near range future of access to postsecondary education in Florida.

Florida Public Education

SECTOR	OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	MISSION/FUNDING DIFFERENTIATION
Pre-K–12 67 districts – 2,628,754 students	8.94 billion	Constitutional requirement, adequacy
Universities 11 universities – 301,135 students	2.15 billion	Discretionary, selective admissions
Colleges 28 colleges – 870,818 students	1.06 billion	Discretionary, open admissions

Summarized Funding Methodology

K-12	projected FTE x FTE rate = Appropriation
Universities	projected FTE x FTE rate = Appropriation
Colleges	no direct connection between FTE and funding

Growth and Proportionality

- For the past three decades, all sectors of public education have grown dramatically to serve a rapidly expanding economy and population.
- The appropriations each year in our colleges have been proportional to the appropriations for K-12 and universities. These appropriations were expressed in roughly equivalent percentage increases in state appropriated funds each year.
- The total appropriation in each sector became the point of comparison rather than the appropriations per student.
- Tuition increases at universities and colleges were incremental and used to supplement state appropriations.

New Realities

- When the economic growth flattened in Florida in 2007, the implications for the College System was remarkably different than for the public schools and universities.

K-12	Appropriation declined	→	Enrollment declining
State Universities	Appropriation declined	→	Enrollment capped
Colleges	Appropriation declined	→	Enrollment dramatically increasing

Open Access To College In Jeopardy

- Fall 2009 will be the 3rd year in a row that no state funding has been provided to accommodate significant enrollment growth.
- The colleges have been subject to the same budget cuts as the public schools and universities.
- The “proportional” approach to educational funding persists despite disproportionate changes in workload.
- Additionally, the cost for education is being shifted from the state to the student through increased fees.

The Bottom Line

- In 2007-08, our colleges grew by **41,242** students (18,780 FTE) and operating state support was cut mid-year by **\$37,931,563**.
- In 2008-09, full-time enrollment grew by another **66,556** students (25,284 FTE) and our college operating budgets experienced another mid-year cut of **\$42,566,099**.
- To date, significant increases in student enrollment have **not** been taken into consideration in any of the reduction calculations.
- Anticipated cuts in General Revenue and Lottery funds for 2009-10 will be greater than ever while at the same time our enrollment is projected to increase by **69,667** students or 26,466 FTE.
- Even tuition increases enacted by the Legislature cannot close the gap between increasing enrollments and decreasing state funding.