

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

2010–11 BUDGET PREPARATION GUIDELINES

The State Board of Education (SBE) budget guidelines were developed pursuant to Sections 1000.02(2), 1001.64(11), 1008.31(2), 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 2010-11 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
- Ensure that funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are strategically allocated to meet the purposes and assurances specified by the Act
- Maximize access and efficiency by sharing facilities
- Use the most current estimating conference data relating to enrollment and capacity
- Review line item appropriations to determine 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. Strengthen foundation skills
 2. Improve college and career readiness
 3. Expand opportunities for post-secondary degrees and certificates
 4. Improve quality of teaching in the education system
 5. Improve K-12 educational choice options
 6. Align resources to strategic goals
- Provide funding for student enrollment for Grades Pre K-12, Community Colleges, and Workforce Education
- Improve access to higher education, including student financial aid
- Funds available through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are focused on activities that will achieve the principles of
 1. Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs
 2. Improve student achievement through school improvement and reform
 3. Ensure transparency, reporting and accountability
 4. Invest one-time ARRA funds thoughtfully to minimize the “funding cliff”
- 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 (Sections 1000.02(2) and 1002.53, Florida Statutes):

- 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

2010-11 BUDGET CALENDAR

- July 14, 2009: State Board of Education approval of Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Guidelines
- August 6, 2009: Board of Governors approve State University System Operating Legislative Budget Request
- September 15, 2009: State Board of Education approval of the Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request
- September 24, 2009: Board of Governors approval of Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request
- October 15, 2009: State Board of Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request submitted to the Governor's Office, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- October 15, 2009: Board of Governors Fixed Capital Outlay Budget submitted to the Governor's Office, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.