

The Budget Development Process for the District is as follows:

- 1) Board approved long-term goals and annual objectives are used to establish district priorities. Each area develops component goals supporting their area needs and institutional goals and objectives.
- 2) Administrative Services develops a list of estimated revenues and committed costs as a preliminary estimate of available funds for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - a) Administrative Services compiles a listing of all fixed/committed costs, to include:
 - i) Salaries and payroll related benefits
 - ii) Health Benefits
 - iii) Lease Agreements
 - iv) Contracts
 - v) Lease Purchase Agreements
 - vi) Inter fund Transfer Requirements
 - b) Administrative Services provides revenue estimates
 - c) Administrative Services provides projections for ending fund balances.
 - d) Administrative Services prepares budget development instructions. The Budget Committee reviews assumptions and support documentation, and requests clarification, as appropriate. Budget packages including 3 year history of expenses, and instructions are sent to Superintendent/President and vice presidents for distribution to cost center managers/division chairs.
 - e) Cost center managers/division chairs are requested to ensure any roll over budgets are accurate and to identify any mandated increases to their appropriate vice president.
- 3) The Budget Committee reviews all data provided and projections and provides information on available funding or shortfalls to College Council.
- 4) In light of annual institutional goals and available resources, the vice presidents, working through the Advisory Groups, provide guidance and leadership to allow the cost center managers/division chairs to develop their individual component goals. Component goals are shared with the College Council.
- 5) The advisory groups prioritize budget requests/action plans based on annual institutional goals and department component goals. Prioritized budget requests/action plans are shared with the College Council.
- 6) The College Council reviews component goals and prioritized budget requests/action plans from the three advisory groups and the President's areas; and based on District long-term goals and annual objectives and available funding, balances the requests. The College Council makes a recommendation on any additional funding and/or reductions to the Superintendent/President for review and action.
- 7) The Superintendent/President, in consultation with the College Council, makes any final adjustments to the budget. The president then sends the draft budget to the Board for approval as the Tentative Budget.
- 8) The cost center managers/division chairs review the budget to see required adjustments have been made, and check for possible errors. They may request budget hearings from their respective advisory group.
- 9) As updated revenue information becomes available from the Chancellor's Office, revenue estimates change and/or changes to budgeted expenses are needed, the budget is modified for the Final Budget as provided in numbers 2 through 7 above.
- 10) The modified Tentative Budget is presented to the Budget Committee and College Council for recommendation and sent to the Superintendent/President. The Superintendent/President, in consultation with the College Council, makes any final adjustments to the budget. The president then sends the draft budget to the Board for approval as the Final Budget.