

Board of Trustees Budget Principles (Adopted August 27, 2024)

1. Trustees to provide the Chancellor and staff with policy framework for managing an “appropriate” fund balance & structural balance.
2. Affirm a “student centered” approach that ensures our values of opportunity, equity, and social justice.
3. Compliance with accreditation standards.
4. Distinguish between on-going vs. one-time resources and expenses. One-time funds shall not be used to fund continuing programs or activities.
5. Manage all resource allocations or funding reductions systematically to maximize student equity and success.
6. Seek efficiencies and revenue opportunities.
7. Establish and maintain an employee salary and compensation structure that is competitive among the Bay 10 Community College Districts.
8. Maintain a minimum 7% Unrestricted General Fund reserve consistent with board policy.
9. Budget Stabilization Fund
 - a. Board authority required to access.
 - b. Access during economic downturn.
 - c. Access to avoid or delay staffing reductions for non-grant funded positions.
 - d. Replenish in healthy fiscal times.
 - e. Maintain a Budget Stabilization Fund at no less than 2.5% of the annual unrestricted general fund expenses.
10. Establish and maintain a balanced funding model that is centered on our mission, vision, values, Board Ends Policies, and strategic plan.
11. Property Tax projections will be based on 3.5% growth and will be adjusted each period based on County Tax Collector updates.
12. Adopted Budgets and Quarterly Reports will include long-term revenue and expenditure forecasts, enrollment trends, and financial risk analysis.
13. Use data to inform decision making.
14. Seed Student Opportunity and Access Revenue/Promise from current land-lease proceeds.
15. Financially plan and budget for total cost of ownership, including building-related expenses, and program-related expenses.