

Idaho State Board of Education
GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SECTION: V. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Subsection: B. Budget Policies

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B. Budget Policies

1. Budget Requests

For purposes of Item 1., the community colleges (CSI, CWI and NIC) are included.

a. Submission of Budget Requests

The Board is responsible for submission of budget request for the institutions, school and agencies under its governance to the executive and legislative branches of government. Only those budget requests which have been formally approved by the Board will be submitted by the office to the executive and legislative branches.

b. Direction by the Office of the State Board of Education

The preparation of all annual budget requests is to be directed by the Office of the State Board of Education which designates forms to be used in the process. The procedures for the preparation and submission of budget requests apply to operational and capital improvements budgets.

c. Preparation and Submission of Annual Budget Requests

Annual budget requests to be submitted to the Board by the institutions, school and agencies under Board governance are due in the Office of the State Board of Education on the date established by the Executive Director.

d. Presentation to the Board

Annual budget requests are formally presented to the designated committee by the chief executive officer of each institution, school or agency or his or her designee. The designated committee will review the requests and provide recommendations to the Board for their action.

2. Budget Requests and Expenditure Authority

a. Budget requests must include projected miscellaneous receipts based on the enrollment of the fiscal year just completed (e.g., the FY 2003 budget request, prepared in the summer of 2001, projected miscellaneous receipts revenue based on academic year 2001 enrollments which ended with the Spring 2001 semester).

b. Approval by the Executive Director, or his or her designee, as authorized, for all increases and decreases of spending authority caused by changes in miscellaneous receipts is required.

c. Miscellaneous receipts collected by an institution will not be allocated to another institution. The lump sum appropriation will not be affected by changes in receipts.

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3. Operating Budgets (Appropriated)

Availability of Appropriated Funds

- (1) Funds appropriated by the legislature from the State General Account for the operation of the institutions, school and agencies (exclusive of funds for construction appropriated to the Permanent Building Fund) become available at the beginning of the fiscal year following the session of the legislature during which the funds are appropriated, except when appropriation legislation contains an emergency clause.
- (2) These funds are generally allotted periodically or are disbursed on submission of expenditure vouchers to the Office of the State Controller.

b. Approval of Operating Budgets

- (1) The appropriated funds operating budgets for the institutions, school and agencies under Board supervision are based on a fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year.
- (2) During the spring of each year, the chief executive officer of each institution, school or agency prepares an operating budget for the next fiscal year based upon guidelines adopted by the Board. Each budget is then submitted to the Board in a summary format prescribed by the Executive Director for review and formal approval before the beginning of the fiscal year.

c. Budget Transfers and Revisions

(1) Chief Executive Officer Approval

The chief executive officer of each institution, agency, school, office, or department is responsible for approving all budget transfers.

(2) Allotment and Allotment Transfers

Requests for allotments or changes in allotments are submitted by the institution, school or agency to the Division of Financial Management and copies provided concurrently to the Office of the State Board of Education. (Refer to allotment form in the Fiscal Reference Manual of the Division of Financial Management.) The Office of the State Board of Education will coordinate the request for allotments and changes to allotments for the college and universities.

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4. Operating Budgets (Non-appropriated -- Auxiliary Enterprises)

a. Auxiliary Enterprises Defined

An auxiliary enterprise directly or indirectly provides a service to students, faculty, or staff and charges a fee related to but not necessarily equal to the cost of services. The distinguishing characteristic of most auxiliary enterprises is that they are managed essentially as self-supporting activities, whose services are provided primarily to individuals in the institutional community rather than to departments of the institution, although a portion of student fees or other support is sometimes allocated to them. Auxiliary enterprises should contribute and relate directly to the mission, goals, and objectives of the college or university. Intercollegiate athletics and student health services should be included in the category of auxiliary enterprises if the activities are essentially self-supporting.

All operating costs, including personnel, utilities, maintenance, etc., for auxiliary enterprises are to be paid out of income from fees, charges, and sales of goods or services. No state appropriated funds may be allocated to cover any portion of the operating costs. However, rental charges for uses of the facilities or services provided by auxiliary enterprises may be assessed to departments or programs supported by state-appropriated funds.

b. Operating Budgets

- (1) Reports of revenues and expenditures must be submitted to the State Board of Education at the request of the Board.
- (2) All proposed expenditures from accumulated operating reserves in excess of \$50,000 must be reported to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

5. Operating Budgets (Non-appropriated -- Local Service Operations)

a. Local Service Operations Defined

Local service operations provide a specific type of service to various institutional entities and are supported by charges for such services to the user. Such a service might be purchased from commercial sources, but for reasons of convenience, cost, or control, is provided more effectively through a unit of the institution. Examples are mailing services, duplicating services, office machine maintenance, motor pools, and central stores.

- b. The policies and practices used for appropriated funds are used in the employment of personnel, use of facilities, and accounting for all expenditures and receipts.
- c. Reports of revenues and expenditures must be submitted to the State Board of Education at the request of the Board.

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6. Operating Budgets (Non-appropriated -- Other)

- a. The policies and practices used for appropriated funds are used in the employment of personnel, use of facilities, and accounting for all expenditures and receipts.
- b. Reports of revenues and expenditures must be submitted to the State Board of Education at the request of the Board.

7. Agency Funds

- a. Agency funds are assets received and held by an institution, school or agency, as custodian or fiscal agent for other individuals or organizations, but over which the institution, school or agency exercises no fiscal control.
- b. Agency funds may be expended for any legal purpose prescribed by the individual or organization depositing the funds with the institution, school or agency following established institutional disbursement procedures.

8. Major Capital Improvement Project -- Budget Requests

For purposes of Item 8., the community colleges (CSI, CWI and NIC) are included, except as noted in V.B.8.b. (2).

a. Definition

A major capital improvement is defined as the acquisition of an existing building, construction of a new building or an addition to an existing building, or a major renovation of an existing building. A major renovation provides for a substantial change to a building. The change may include a remodeled wing or floor of a building, or the remodeling of the majority of the building's net assignable square feet. An extensive upgrade of one (1) or more of the major building systems is generally considered to be a major renovation.

b. Preparation and Submission of Major Capital Improvement Requests

(1) Permanent Building Fund Requests

Requests for approval of major capital improvement projects to be funded from the Permanent Building Fund are to be submitted to the Office of the State Board of Education on a date and in a format established by the Executive Director. Only technical revisions may be made to the request for a given fiscal year after the Board has made its recommendation for that fiscal year. Technical revisions must be made prior to November 1.

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(2) Other Requests

Requests for approval of major capital improvement projects from other fund sources are to be submitted in a format established by the Executive Director. Substantive and fiscal revisions to a requested project are resubmitted to the Board for approval. This subsection shall not apply to the community colleges.

c. Submission of Approved Major Capital Budget Requests

The Board is responsible for the submission of major capital budget requests for the institutions, school and agencies under this subsection to the Division of Public Works. Only those budget requests which have been formally approved by the Board will be submitted by the office to the executive and legislative branches.

9. Approval by the Board

Requests for approval of major capital improvement projects must be submitted for Board action. Major capital improvement projects, which are approved by the Board and for which funds from the Permanent Building Fund are requested, are placed in priority order prior to the submission of major capital budget requests to the Division of Public Works.