

**SAN LORENZO  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD POLICY**

**Business and Noninstructional Operations**

BP 3100 (a)

**BUDGET**

The Governing Board accepts responsibility for adopting a sound budget for each fiscal year which is aligned with the district's vision, goals, and priorities. The district budget shall guide administrative decisions and actions throughout the year and shall serve as a tool for monitoring the fiscal health of the district.

The district budget shall show a complete plan and itemized statement of all proposed expenditures and all estimated revenues for the following fiscal year, together with a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year. The budget shall also include the appropriations limit and the total annual appropriations.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish an annual budget development process and calendar in accordance with the single budget adoption process described in Education Code 42127.

The Superintendent shall oversee the preparation of a proposed district budget for approval by the Board and shall involve appropriate staff at all levels in the development of budget projections.

The Board encourages public input in the budget development process and shall hold public meetings in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a budget advisory committee composed of members of the community and staff. The committee may provide recommendations to the Superintendent during the budget development process. Duties of the committee shall be clearly defined and communicated to all members.

In order to provide guidance in the development of the budget, the Superintendent shall annually establish budget priorities based on identified district needs and goals and on realistic projections of available funds. The Superintendent also shall establish budget assumptions or parameters which may take into consideration the stability of funding sources, enrollment trends, legal requirements and constraints, anticipated increases and/or decreases in the cost of services and supplies, use of one-time resources, categorical program requirements, scheduled salary increases, and any other factors necessary to ensure that the budget is a realistic plan for district revenues and expenditures.

The Board shall establish and maintain a general fund reserve for economic uncertainty that meets or exceeds the requirements of 5 CCR 15443.

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BP 3100 (b)

Prior to adopting the budget, the Superintendent shall conduct a first-tier review, and if necessary a second-tier review, to ensure that the budget meets standards and criteria adopted by the State Board of Education. (Education Code 33127, 33128, 33129; 5 CCR 15440-15452)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district budget is clearly presented and effectively communicated to the Board, staff, and public. He/she may adapt or supplement the state-required budget format as necessary for these purposes.

The district budget shall be updated periodically throughout the year, including but not limited to the First Interim Financial Report and the Second Interim Financial Report...

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33127 Development of standards and criteria for local budgets and expenditures

33128 Standards and criteria

33129 Standards and criteria; use by local agencies

35035 Powers and duties of superintendent

35161 Powers and duties, generally, of governing boards

42103 Public hearing on proposed budget; requirements for content of proposed budget; publication of notice of hearing

42120-42129 Budget requirements

42132 Resolutions identifying estimated appropriations limit

42602 Use of unbudgeted funds

42610 Appropriation of excess funds and limitation thereon

44518-44519.2 Chief business officer training program

45253 Annual budget of personnel commission

45254 First year budget of personnel commission

GOVERNMENT CODE

7900-7914 Expenditure limitations

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15060 Standardized account code structure

15440-15452 Criteria and standards for school district budgets

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Maximizing School Board Governance: Budget Planning and Adoption, 2005

Maximizing School Board Governance: Understanding District Budgets, 2005

CDE PUBLICATIONS

California School Accounting Manual

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD

Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis - For State and Local Governments, June 1999

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BP 3100 (c)

Statement 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits  
Other Than Pensions, June 2004

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