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**§ 58311. Principles for Sound Fiscal Management.**

In any organization certain principles, when present and followed, promote an environment for growth, productivity, self-actualization, and progress. The following principles shall serve as the foundation for sound fiscal management in community college districts:

1. Each district shall be responsible for the ongoing fiscal stability of the district through the responsible stewardship of available resources.
2. Each district will adequately safeguard and manage district assets to ensure the ongoing effective operations of the district. Management will maintain adequate cash reserves, implement and maintain effective internal controls, determine sources of revenues prior to making short-term and long-term commitments, and establish a plan for the repair and replacement of equipment and facilities.
3. District personnel practices will be consistent with legal requirements, make the most effective use of available human resources, and ensure that staffing costs do not exceed estimates of available financial resources.
4. Each district will adopt policies to ensure that all auxiliary activities that have a fiscal impact on the district comport with the educational objectives of the institution and comply with sound accounting and budgeting principles, public disclosures, and annual independent audit requirements.
5. Each district's organizational structure will incorporate a clear delineation of fiscal responsibilities and establish staff accountability.
6. Appropriate district administrators will keep the governing board current on the fiscal condition of the district as an integral part of the policy- and decision-making processes.
7. Each district will effectively develop and communicate fiscal policies, objectives, procedures, and constraints to the governing board, staff, and students.
8. Each district will have an adequate management information system that provides timely, accurate, and reliable fiscal information to appropriate staff for planning, decisionmaking, and budgetary control.
9. Each district will adhere to appropriate fiscal policies and procedures and have adequate controls to ensure that established fiscal objectives are met.
10. District management will have a process to evaluate significant changes in the fiscal environment and make necessary, timely, financial and educational adjustments.
11. District financial planning will include both short-term and long-term goals and objectives, and broad-based input, and will be coordinated with district educational planning.
12. Each district's capital outlay budget will be consistent with its five-year plan and reflect regional planning and needs assessments. To the extent that the foregoing principles repeat or paraphrase mandates already in existence, these underlying mandates shall continue to be legally binding. Otherwise, these principles, by themselves, shall be applied to the extent that existing state and district funding is available.

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