



Roadmap 2025
2026

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Through transparent budgeting, strategic resource allocation, and sound fiscal practices, Kelso School District ensures resources are efficiently managed and aligned to support student learning and success.

| Goals | IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES | IMPACT MEASURES |
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| Promote budgetary and fiscal transparency to ensure open communication and community engagement | <p>Use budget calendar, fiscal goals, and budget parameters for annual approval by the Kelso School Board</p> <p>Utilize Budget Advisory Council (BAC) to provide guidance and recommendations on annual budget development</p> <p>Provide continual updates on the district website during budget planning and development</p> <p>Conduct staff and community outreach during the annual budget development process and fiscal decision-making</p> <p>Assess monetary resources (local, state, and federal) and enrollment, to develop budget forecasts and projections</p> <p>Monitor expenditures and explore avenues to achieve efficiency in programs and operations</p> | <p>Board budget workshops, updates, a budget hearing, and formal budget adoption occur in the fiscal year during Kelso School Board meetings</p> <p>Community and staff engagement opportunities held for input and feedback on budget proposals</p> <p>Fiscal and budgetary information shared with staff and community through intra-district communications, website, and outside community resources</p> <p>BAC is comprised of all major district stakeholders, including community, school and district leadership, the Kelso School Board, and all staff bargaining association groups, and provides input to superintendent and Kelso School Board</p> |
| Allocate district resources effectively to support academic and operational needs | <p>Assist schools and departments with budget review, analyses, and planning throughout budget development and implementation</p> <p>Maintain local levy to fund staff and activities essential to programming and operations not supported by state resources</p> <p>Develop budget priorities to align with the district's mission, vision, and strategic plan</p> <p>Provide staff with fiscal oversight and guidance for proper internal controls and accountability of programs and services</p> | <p>Annual budget approved by Kelso School Board</p> <p>Levies and bonds pass</p> <p>Budget supports academic and operational goals and priorities</p> <p>Annual State and Federal fiscal and accountability audits completed</p> |