



NORTH SEATTLE COLLEGE

Guiding Principles for Budget Planning

We will be guided by the following in developing our budget plan for FY 2026-27:

Student Learning and Success

We are unwavering in our mission to foster student learning and achievement in alignment with the Seattle Colleges District goals. Through excellence in teaching and learning across all programs, we advance Student's Learning Outcomes and uphold rigorous, fair standards of achievement. Our commitment includes providing comprehensive services that help students reach their educational goals while ensuring affordability, access, retention, and completion, leading to graduation, transfer, or other student-defined pathways to success.

Community and Workforce Engagement

We serve as a vital resource for our community's educational and workforce needs by aligning programs and services with local priorities and labor market demands. Through strong partnerships, we create opportunities that empower students and strengthen connections with employers, ensuring mutual success and long-term impact.

Work Community and Collaboration

Even in challenging times, our greatest strength is our people. We remain steadfast in honoring the dedication and well-being of every employee. Together, we will seek creative solutions to minimize impact, safeguard essential services, and provide care and support to help our community thrive through change. By working collaboratively and supporting one another, we will protect what matters most: the success of our students.

Equity, Inclusion, and Transparency

We are committed to an inclusive, participatory, and transparent budgeting process that builds trust and collaboration. *Guided by the principles of Targeted Universalism, we pursue universal goals, such as student success, through strategies tailored to meet the unique needs of different groups.* By engaging stakeholders openly and respectfully, and using data-driven analysis and success indicators, we align resource allocation with our shared values and institutional goals.

Financial Stewardship and Stability

We are dedicated to managing resources responsibly to protect the college's financial health. Our decisions prioritize sustainable growth and long-term stability, while driving efficiency and innovation to enhance processes and structures. We continually explore organizational models that strengthen resilience and advance student success.