

Understanding Your 403(b) & Roth 403(b)

Overview

The 403(b) is a Tax-Sheltered Account (TSA) developed by the IRS to allow you to save for retirement and supplement your CalSTRS/CalPERS pension plan.

On average, your pension replaces 50-65% of income in retirement.^{1,2} Currently, studies show that at a minimum, approximately 80% of income replacement is necessary to maintain the same standard of living in retirement.³ A 403(b) offers school employees a way to bridge that gap while saving for retirement.

403(b)

Taxes

Contributions are made to a 403(b) before taxes are taken from your paycheck, reducing your taxable income. Taxes are paid on withdrawals, typically in retirement when you will likely be in a lower tax bracket.

Withdrawals

You may begin to take withdrawals from a 403(b) at age 59½. Penalties may apply to withdrawals taken before this time.

Loans

A loan may be taken against Roth 403(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan's vendor.

Roth 403(b)

Taxes

Contributions to a Roth 403(b) are made after taxes are taken from your paycheck, allowing your earnings to grow — and withdrawals taken — tax-free if the account has been open for at least five years and you are age 59½ or older.

Withdrawals

You may make a withdrawal from a Roth 403(b) when you reach age 59½, upon severance of employment, or in case of hardship, disability or death.

Loans

A loan may be taken against Roth 403(b) funds while you are still employed. Repayment terms and interest rates are determined by your plan's vendor.

Contribution

In 2021, you may contribute up to \$19,500 to a 403(b) and/or Roth 403(b), combined. It is possible to contribute up to \$9,500 more than the maximum if you meet the following requirements:

- Age 50+ in 2021 = an additional \$6,500
- With employer 15+ years = an additional \$3,000



Here to help you

The 403(b) administrator for your district is SchoolsFirst Plan Administration. If you have questions, or would like to open a 403(b) account, please contact:

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Minimum Contribution: \$25.00

Scan or click the QR code to schedule your appointment today!



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