

Colchester Public Schools
Budgetary Decision-making Framework
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Overall Strategy: School and district leaders will determine resource allocations in accordance with the following principles:

- Health and safety needs must be addressed
- Mandated services and programs must be provided
- The goals of the Colchester Public School's adopted Strategic Plan will drive decision making as prioritized below:
 - a. **Student learning** is supported by relevant curriculum
 - b. Students use academic, technical, social, and creative skills to **innovate and problem solve**
 - c. **Innovative instruction** is enhanced with 21st century learning environment
 - d. **Facilities and technologies to support innovative teaching and learning** are enhanced
 - e. **Partnerships** with parents, caregivers, and community members are embraced
 - f. **Educators are known as leaders** for distinguished practice
- Through the work of the Board's Ad-hoc Consolidation Committee, the district will investigate ways to partner with other districts to best serve student needs and/or reduce operational costs.
- School leaders will individually and collaboratively use the responses to the following guiding questions as the basis of their decisions:

For Educational Programs:

1. Is the program/practice central and essential to our mission?
2. Is the program/practice providing measurable result(s)?
3. Is the program/practice supported by research/evidence?
4. Is there a more cost-effective way to obtain similar or better results?
5. Can we offer the service/program to other districts to generate revenue?
6. Does the decision support equitable educational opportunities?

For Operations:

1. Is the program/practice essential to the operation of our schools and district?
2. Is the program/practice providing measurable results?
3. Is there a more cost-effective way to obtain similar or better results?
4. Can we offer the service/program to other districts to generate revenue?

Considerations for programs/practices the district can no longer support financially:

- Does the decision result in other costs (retraining, management, etc.)?
- For those programs/practices we can no longer sustain, can other partners or entities support the program/practice?