

DETERMINATION OF BUDGET PRIORITIES

After receiving guidelines from the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, in cooperation with all staff members concerned, shall determine budget priorities for the school district which reconcile the educational needs of the District with the community's fiscal resources. In setting budget priorities, the following factors shall be considered:

1. The health and safety of pupils and employees.
2. Items directly related to the educational needs of the District. All segments of the District programs are to be treated equitably within the available resources.
3. Adequate staffing of programs and the salaries of employees.
4. Maintenance of capital investment, equipment, and facilities.
5. Improvements in non-instructional items.
6. State and/or federal legal requirements for the funding of programs.
7. Requirements and regulations of the State Education Department and the Commissioner of Education.
8. Fiscal and non-fiscal resources available.