

Criteria for Evaluating Budget Realignment Proposals¹

Your Group Color _____ Date _____ Realignment Proposal Topic _____

Occasionally, school systems develop some specific criteria for considering funding priorities. Suggested criteria for evaluating packages and determining recommendations for proposed budget packages with others.

Criteria	Impact to Students	Losses and Gains	Amendments
1. Extent of critical relationship to SMMUSD’s mission, vision, shared values, capacities of students, LCAP goals			
2. The degree that the package meets equity goals and provides for student differences, interests, and abilities, and provides resources to improve the quality of teaching, support services, capital equipment and facilities			
3. Extent of necessity to meet educational levels prescribed by state standards and other accrediting organizations, and inclusion of services necessary for efficient and effective operations			

¹ Adapted from school budgeting for hard times, William K. Poston, Jr., Corwin, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2011

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4. Provision of enhancements or increased alignment, efficiency and/or effectiveness of educational, instructional and support services			
5. Demonstration of desirability, but not necessity, for the efficient and effective operation of the system			
6. Other			

Notes (<i>Inspirations, Reflections, Concerns, etc.</i>)	Questions