

District Dollars

Balancing the Budget for Davis Schools



What Education Values Are Most Important to You?

Try this exercise. Divide **100 points** between the values listed below. Give more points to those values more important to you. Some values may overlap. You do not have to give any points to a value that is not important to you. You may create one new value statement if you like.

_____ **I value neighborhood schools.**

Belief: Students benefit from being educated at relatively small campuses close to where they live.

_____ **I value choice of magnet programs.**

Belief: Educational programs in the district such as Gifted and Talented Education (GATE), Spanish Immersion, Montessori and the Da Vinci Charter Academy meet the different learning styles of Davis students.

_____ **I value attracting and retaining highly qualified employees.**

Belief: Good salaries and working conditions allow the district to compete for best candidates and to retain experienced employees. This leads to greater student success.

_____ **I value programs that prepare students for higher education.**

Belief: K-12 education should prepare students for placement in the University of California, California State, and other institutions of higher learning.

_____ **I value programs that prepare students for the workforce.**

Belief: K-12 education should teach students skills and abilities that prepare them for jobs.

_____ **I value activities such as sports, clubs and performing arts.**

Belief: Extra-curricular activities create a sense of belonging and teamwork that promote student success.

_____ **I value programs for students needing extra academic support.**

Belief: K-12 education should help all students achieve academic success.

_____ **I value small class sizes with low teacher to student ratios.**

Belief: Teacher student interaction is critical to academic success.

_____ **I value a safe and well-functioning school environment.**

Belief: School principals, counselors, secretaries and custodians support students and families and maintain safe campuses. School and district administrators coordinate instructional program and maintain quality operations.

_____ **I value well-maintained school facilities.**

Belief: Modern, adequately equipped buildings and well-maintained grounds support student learning.

_____ **I value:** _____

Thank you for sharing your ideas!