

**Budget  
Green Valley High School**

**Personnel**

Principal	\$ 50,000
Asst Principal (3) @ 40,000 <i>(only 2 are required)</i>	120,000
Secretary (3) @ 20,000 <i>(only 2 are required)</i>	60,000
Counselors (3) @ 30,000	90,000
Classroom Teachers (24) @30,000 <i>(There are 5 extra teachers to allow coaches and music teachers extra planning time.)</i>	720,000
Special Ed Teachers (10) @ 30,000 <i>(only 5 are required by state standards))</i>	300,000
Remedial Teachers (5) @ 30,000	150,000

Sub-total      \$1,490,000

**Fringe Benefits**

FICA, UI, and WC ( 7.5%)	111,750
Health ins (10%)	149,000
Teacher retirement (15%)	223,500

Sub-total      484,250

**Special Programs**

Competitive Sports	\$ 200,000
Music (Vocal and instrumental)	100,000
Library	100,000
Art	100,000
Child care for adolescent parents	50,000
Transportation (outside service area)	50,000
Bilingual aids for ESL students	75,000
Refitting the gym for fitness	100,000
Service learning project	150,000

Sub-total      925,000

**Total      \$ 2,899,250**

4. Interview the parent of a child with a disability. Ask them questions such as the following:

How has having a child with disabilities affected your family?

What is the most challenging thing about raising a child with disabilities?

What is the most rewarding thing about raising a child with disabilities?

How satisfied are you with your child's school?

If you could change one thing about your child's school experience, what would it be?

5. The following page is a budget for a small high school called The Green Valley School District. This district is faced with a 10% decrease in funds. The state requires standardized testing of the achievement of students in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. The scores indicate that students enter Green Valley slightly below the average, but are significantly below the standard by the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. At the same time there is a funding shortage, there is also a need to improve the learning of students. Items in italics are optional or partially optional. For example, the school district has 3 assistant principals, and only 2 are required by accreditation standards; art, funded at \$100,000, is not required by graduation standards.

Your task is to reduce the budget by 10%, while keeping in mind the situation described in the previous paragraph.

What do your decisions about where to reduce funding reveal about your beliefs about the purpose of formal public education? What do your decisions reveal about your values?

Compare your decisions with those of other classmates. What explains the similarities and differences in your decisions?