

Note to parents:

2020 is a year of decision making. Parents have been placed in a tough position many times.

This PDF has a method for making decisions that is not professional or licensed in any way. We used to use it gifted education classes when teaching students ways to solve problems.

Decision making includes thinking about options, deciding what criteria should be considered, and assigning values to possible choices. Such charts are used in business, too.

One tool to help make decisions is a decision matrix.

On the matrix, points may be entered on a scale of 1-5 to help determine the final decision. Where should our family eat dinner tonight? Should our child attend hybrid learning classes?

Low points from a scale of 1 to 5 are given for options that are costly, difficult, or time consuming, based on criteria.

Higher points are given for cheaper, easier, less time-consuming, and better options, based on criteria.

There is nothing magic about any answers you may find using this process, and you may want to begin again or even solve the issue another way.

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See a [student lesson which uses the decision matrix at this link](#). See a [YouTube video of a demonstration of a decision matrix for students here](#).

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Decision Matrix



Question to be answered with yes or no:

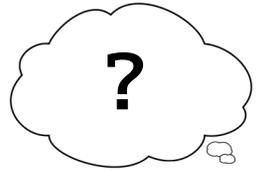
Question _____

Criteria → Options ↓							Total Points
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

The option selected according to the most points is _____.



Decision Matrix



Big question to be answered with yes or no:

Question: Should our family eat inside a restaurant during the pandemic? Rate options on a scale 1 to 5 for each criteria (1=more difficult or costly)

Criteria → Options ↓	Cost 1 – high 5 – low	Difficulty	Possible exposure to Covid-19	Entertainment value	Time	Family Agreement	Total Points
1. Inside restaurant dining							
2. Outside restaurant dining							
3. Park Picnic							
4. Backyard Picnic							
5. Stay home and eat							

The option selected according to the most points is _____.



Decision Matrix



Big question to be answered with yes or no:

Question: Should our child attend school everyday?

Rate options on a scale 1 to 5 for each criteria (1=more difficult or costly)

Criteria → Options ↓	Cost 1 – high 5—low	Difficulty for parents who may work at home	Possible exposure to Covid-19	Social Interaction opportunity	Time	Parent and child agreement	Total Points
1. Homeschool everyday							
2. Hybrid school — school some days, home some days							
3. Attend school everyday							
4. Hire an in-person tutor and homeschool							
5. Hire a virtual private teacher							

The option selected according to the most points is _____.

Name _____ Date _____

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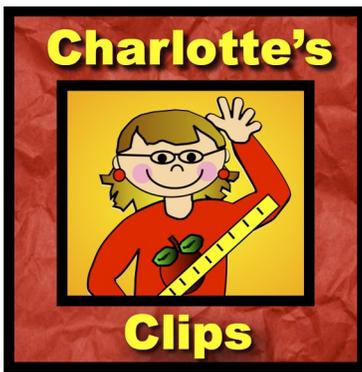
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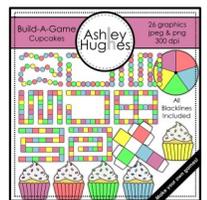
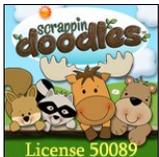
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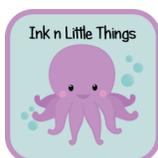


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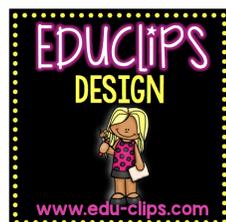
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