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## Instructional Budget Policy

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### Rationale

- Forest Charter School is committed to supporting and encouraging a number of diverse activities and learning experiences
- The school administration holds the responsibility for managing public funds Based on the above considerations, Forest Charter School has adopted the following policy:

### Policy

1. At least 50% of the instructional budget is allocated for core academics. If a student wishes to exceed the policy requirements, the request must go to the budget review committee for approval. The budget review committee holds the authority for all decisions. The committee will consider some or all of the following factors:
  - Academic standing including but not limited to State Testing results, local assessments/benchmarks, and report cards
  - Proof of adequate core curriculum and supporting materials
  - ST recommendations
  - Other considerations/factors as appropriate
2. Forest Charter School may freeze or redirect instructional budgets at any time for reasons including, but not necessarily limited to academics in need of support, not turning in required paperwork, missing assignments, not participating in state assessments or all local benchmarks, not attending meetings, or not returning materials.
3. Items purchased with public dollars (instructional funds) are the property of Forest Charter School and must be returned when requested or when leaving the school. Items identified as consumable by the school do not need to be returned.
4. Public funds cannot be used to purchase materials with religious content.
5. Instructional budget amounts may change at any time due to state budgets and other fiscal considerations.