

Cause, Consequence and Civic Choice

Grades 6-8 Name: _____ Date: _____

Context and evidence

A growing town experiences daily traffic near three schools. Proposals include a new road, improved buses and staggered school times.

Your investigation

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Learning goals

Reason accurately, use evidence, show a method and communicate a defensible conclusion.

Response guidance

There is no single correct policy. Strong answers make criteria explicit, distinguish evidence from preference and acknowledge affected groups.

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Extension and assessment

Ask learners to compare methods, revise one response after feedback and identify the evidence that most changed their thinking.