Directions:

Use the DECIDE strategy for a decision you’re facing. You may want to ask your friends and family for their input—to make sure you consider everything!

**DECIDE Steps**

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| 1. **Define your goal.** |
| 1. **Establish your criteria.** Whatare thefeatures you absolutelymust have? And which ones would you like to have? |

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| 1. **Choose two to three good options.** Eliminate any options without your “must haves” and choose three remaining options. | | | |
| Option | A | B | C |
| Description |  |  |  |
| Cost | $ | $ | $ |
| Features |  |  |  |
| 1. **Identify the pros and cons.** Now compare three options that best meet your criteria listed in Step 2. If you have a long list of criteria and options, you may want to make a chart to quickly compare the features of each option to narrow down your options. | | | |
| Option | A | B | C |
| Pros |  |  |  |
| Cons |  |  |  |
| 1. **Decide what’s best.** Based on this data, what would be your number one choice that best matches your established criteria? | | | |
| 1. **Evaluate the results.** Note what you particularly do and don’t like about your choice. | | | |