SPOTTING ETHICS AND ECONOMICS

| Situation Is someone - a person, agency, or group: | Economic Concept | More Questions to Think About | Ethics, Economics, and Social Issues Curriculum Concept Map https://www.econedlink.org/resources/collection/ethics/ |
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| Deciding who should get something? Deciding how to divide or distribute something valuable? | Allocation | What is the current allocation strategy or method? What is being changed with the allocation strategy or method? | Lesson 4: Can You Allocate Ethically? Lesson 9: Should We Allow a Market for Transplant Organs? |
| Weighing the costs and benefits of a decision? Trying to decide who a decision benefits and who it harms? | Decision Making, Marginal Benefit, Marginal Cost | What are the marginal benefits and marginal costs of the policy/outcome? Do the benefits outweigh the costs? | Lesson 2: Can You Conduct Research Ethically? Lesson 3: How Does Information and Ethics Impact Decision Making? Lesson 4: Can You Allocate Ethically? Lesson 5: Is Efficiency Ethical? Lesson 6: Do Businesses Have Social Responsibility? Lesson 7: Does Self-Interest Prevent Economic Justice? Lesson 9: Should We Allow a Market for Transplant Organs? |
| Being equitable? Dividing up available resources in an equitable way? | Efficiency vs. Equity | Is the current situation efficient? Is it equitable? Is it better to be more efficient or more equitable in this situation? | • Lesson 5: Is Efficiency Ethical? |



| Trying to persuade a person or group to change their behavior? Changing their behavior in response to a reward or penalty? | Incentives | What incentives exist currently in the situation? How could the incentives be altered to change the outcome? | Lesson 3: How Does Information and Ethics Impact Decision Making? Lesson 4: Can You Allocate Ethically? Lesson 7: Does Self-Interest Prevent Economic Justice? |
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| Missing the information they need to make a decision? | Information | How is the outcome affected by a lack of information? How does more information change the outcome? | Lesson 2: Can You Conduct Research Ethically? Lesson 3: How Does Information and Ethics Impact Decision Making? |
| Understanding what they are giving up when they make a choice? Aware of all the choices available? | Opportunity Cost | What is being given up because of the policy or event? | Lesson 6: Do Businesses Have Social Responsibility? Lesson 8: Should I Join the Sweatshop Boycott? |
| Having to make a decision because there isn't enough? Suffering because there isn't enough to go around? | Scarcity | How does the policy or action affect the level of scarcity? What are policies to handle scarce resources? | Lesson 4: Can You Allocate Ethically? Lesson 9: Should We Allow a Market for Transplant Organs? |

