

Engagement takes root when schools ensure that students and staff are deeply involved in the learning process, showing enthusiasm and a desire to learn new things, as well as a willingness to take positive, healthy steps toward the future. When students believe they have a voice they are 41% more likely to report Engagement.

How embedded are Engagement practices, policies, and procedures in your school?

Given your role at the school, reflect on how you support students' Engagement.

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| 1. I connect students' interests and hobbies to their experiences at school. |  |
| 2. I ensure students see my passion for learning. |  |
| 3. I encourage students to challenge themselves as learners. |  |
| 4. I believe in the importance of providing time and guidance for student reflection. |  |
| 5. I provide opportunities for students to share their expertise with me. |  |
| 6. I create an environment where students are comfortable asking questions. |  |
| 7. I embrace joyful moments and laughter with students. |  |
| 8. I involve students in solving complex problems. |  |
| 9. I consistently use student feedback to make improvements. |  |
| 10. I share my curiosities with students. |  |
| 11. I help students learn from their mistakes. |  |
| 12. I encourage students to seek creative solutions. |  |
| 13. I participate in and/or observe students' extra-curricular activities. |  |

My strengths for fostering students' Engagement are...

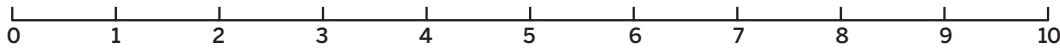
My challenges with fostering students' Engagement are...

One action I can take now to enhance Engagement for students is...

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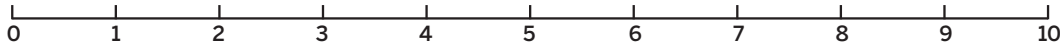


1. Our professional learning with staff models effective engagement practices.



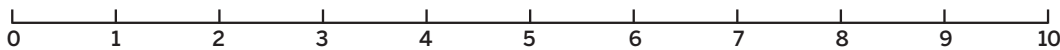
List examples of how staff are engaged in their professional learning.

2. Our school values the learning process as much as learning outcomes.



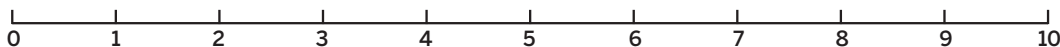
Provide examples of how students are provided ample opportunities for deep and meaningful learning at school.

3. All classrooms strive to limit excessive lectures and actively involve students in their learning.



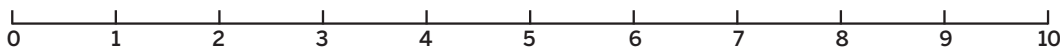
How do you know when students are engaged in their learning? How do you ensure a balance of teacher talk and student talk?

4. Students clearly see and experience the staff's love of learning.



How does staff model and share their passion for learning?

5. We involve students in school-wide planning and problem-solving.

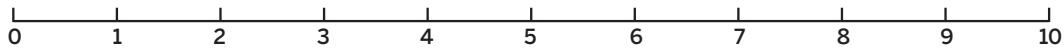


On which school-wide committees are students active members? What are their roles on those committees? Are a wide variety of students active on committees, or only a token few?

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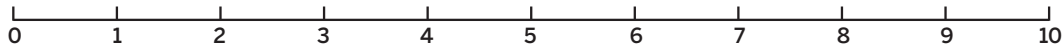


6. Our school regularly uses student feedback.



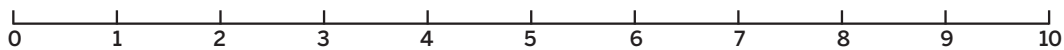
Explain a few specific changes that occurred as a result of student feedback. How do you let students know that their insights created these changes?

7. Student self-assessment is incorporated into grading and/or report cards.



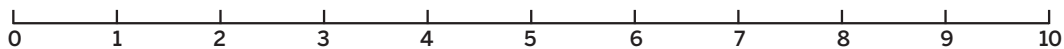
In what ways do you show students you value self-assessment?

8. Teachers help students see the interconnectedness between their classes.



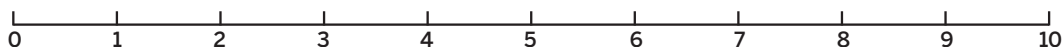
What are some specific examples of students' interdisciplinary learning?

9. Students are encouraged to be creative.



What regular opportunities do students have to express their creativity? Would students agree that their creativity is valued at school?

10. Teachers connect learning to real-life experiences.



Provide specific examples of connecting learning to real life.

Engagement Discussion



**Consider policies and procedures in the following areas.
Discuss how these systems support and/or hinder
the development of Engagement at your school.**

- Mission, vision, and goals
- Core values
- Professional development
- Grading/assessment/report cards
- Student management/discipline
- Teaching and learning
- Communication with students and families
- School assemblies and celebrations
- Cocurricular activities
- New teacher induction (new to profession and new to school)
- New student support