

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF COURSE ASSESSMENTS

In an era that demands greater accountability from teachers and stresses the importance of students' engagement in their own learning, course assessments hold the potential to have a positive and lasting impact in our schools. The iKnow My Class course assessment is designed to assess and address the conditions that inspire students to reach their fullest potential. iKnow My Class collects information from students along three dimensions: student perceptions of oneself and their role in the learning process; student perceptions of the course overall; and student perceptions of the teacher and instruction. Teachers can also add up to three statements of their own on each survey. **The survey is anonymous and the classroom teacher is the only one with access to their class results.**

Student Perceptions of Oneself in the Learning Process

- I am encouraged to use my imagination.*
- I have opportunities to ask questions in this class.*
- I ask my teacher for help when I do not understand something.*
- I am open to new ideas and ways of thinking.
- I give up when I do not understand something.
- I come to class ready and willing to learn.*
- I express my ideas and opinions in this class.
- I help other students in this class when they struggle with learning.
- I evaluate and improve my work on a regular basis.
- I put forth my best effort in class.*
- I have goals for my learning in this class.*
- I am able to communicate what I have learned to others.
- I have opportunities to influence my classmates' thinking.
- I respect other students in this class.
- I respect the teacher.
- It is helpful for me to work with other students.*
- I am confident I can learn what is taught in this class.*
- It is important to me to do well in this class.
- I am comfortable being myself in this class.
- I am responsible for my success in this class.
- I explore issues, events, and problems from different perspectives.*
- I am bored in this class.
- This class challenges my thinking.*
- Attending this class is important to me.

Student Perceptions of the Course Overall

- The homework in this class helps me understand the subject better.*
- Other students in this class respect me.
- I see how this class relates to my other classes.
- The course materials used in this class inspire my learning.
- The use of technology makes this class more interesting.
- My grades on assignments, tests, and/or quizzes represent what I know.*
- I understand how I can apply what I am learning in my everyday life.
- In this class, we discuss issues that are interesting to me.*
- I believe what I am learning in this class is important for my future.
- Other students in this class disrupt my learning.

Student Perceptions of the Teacher and Instruction

- The teacher enjoys working with students.
- The teacher inspires me to do my best.
- The teacher communicates with my parents on a regular basis.
- The teacher cares if I attend class.*
- The teacher knows my name.
- My ideas and thoughts are valued and respected by the teacher.
- The teacher knows my hopes and dreams.*
- The teacher presents lessons in ways I understand.*
- The expected learning goals are clearly explained by the teacher.
- The teacher develops positive relationships with students.*
- The teacher expects me to be successful.*
- The teacher encourages students to work together.
- The teacher relates our learning to current events.*
- The teacher provides useful and timely feedback on my learning.*
- The teacher is willing to learn from the students.
- The teacher allows students time to think and solve problems.

*Denotes the 20 statements on the short version of the survey.