

Conducting scaled surveys with students in PreK through grade 2 is inherently unreliable. We highly encourage educators to take the time to hold small focus groups with students in the early elementary years. This practice shows students that their ideas matter and that adults want to listen to and learn from them. If your school is committed to conducting survey, we suggest creating short surveys with response options that are grade appropriate. Below is a sample of questions and picture prompts related to voice and aspirations for younger students.

PreK-K STUDENT SURVEY

The survey on the next page is ready for your use. If your school is using the Quaglia School Voice survey for upper elementary, note that the prek-k survey statements align with the Guiding Principles and voice as follows. Please feel free to design your own survey based on the voice information your school wants to collect.

Warm-up

- Do you like pizza?
- Do you like playing board games?

Self-Worth

- Do you have friends in this class?
- Are kids in this class nice to each other?

Engagement

- Do you think school is fun?
- Do you ask a lot of questions at school?

Purpose

- Do you think it is important to come to school?
- Do you think you are a leader?





















Voice

- Do you share your ideas at school?
- Are you a good listener at school?

To help your students become comfortable sharing their opinions and to be sure they understand the process, start with a few easy warm-up questions. Ask students to circle the smiley face if their answer is “yes” or the sad face if their answer is “no.” It is important for students to know that there are no right or wrong answers. Given that most students in this age range are emerging or non readers, questions need to be read to the students.

PreK-K STUDENT SURVEY

After the teacher reads each statement, circle the smiley face if your answer is yes or the sad face if your answer is no.

	YES	NO
1. Do you like pizza?		
2. Do you like playing board games?		
3. Do you have friends in this class?		
4. Are kids in this class nice to each other?		
5. Do you think school is fun?		
6. Do you ask a lot of questions at school?		
7. Do you think it is important to come to school?		
8. Do you think you are a leader?		
9. Do you share your ideas at school?		
10. Are you a good listener at school?		

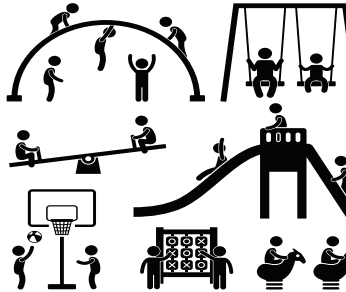
Draw a picture of you using your voice!

PreK-K PICTURE PROMPTS

In addition to short surveys, teachers can collect student voice by presenting pictures to groups of two to three students at a time. Ask the students questions about what is happening in the picture. The goal is to go beyond yes/no responses and have students use their voices to explain their answers and their experiences at school.

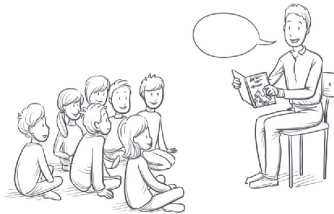
Picture prompts:

Kids playing together



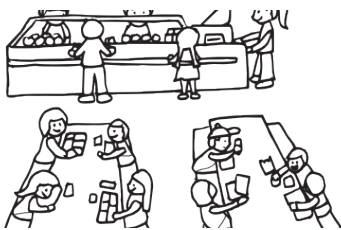
Sample prompts: What are these kids doing? How are they feeling (happy, sad, mad, etc.)? Are they letting other kids play with them, and how do you know? Do kids play nicely together at your school? Give me an example. What do you like to do with your friends at school?

Kid working with a teacher



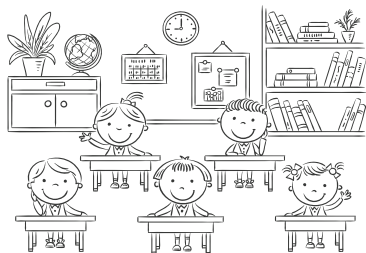
Sample prompts: What is happening in this picture? What is this kid learning? Do you ask your teacher for help when you do not understand something? What do you enjoy about school? How can you tell when someone is having fun learning?

Kids eating lunch together



Sample prompts: How are the kids acting in this cafeteria? Does everyone have someone to sit with? Who do you eat lunch with? What do you like about lunch time at our school? Is there anything you do not like about lunch time?

A classroom full of kids



Sample prompts: What are the kids doing? Are they being good listeners, and how do you know? Do you like to share your ideas during class time? Explain. What are some things we can do to make sure students work nicely with each other in this class?

GRADES 1-2 STUDENT SURVEY

The survey on the next page is ready for your use. If your school is the Quaglia School Voice survey for upper elementary, note that the grades 1-2 survey statements align with the Guiding Principles and voice as follows. Please feel free to design your own survey based on the voice information your school wants to collect.

Warm-up

- I like pizza.
- I like recess.

Self-Worth

- I have friends in this class.
- I like school.
- I work hard in this class.
- Students in this class are nice.

Engagement

- I like learning new things.
- I enjoy math.
- I am a good reader.
- I think school is easy.

Purpose

- I am a leader.
- I make good decisions.
- I think I will learn a lot in school.
- I know I can do well in school.

Voice

- I share my ideas in class.
- I help other students.
- I am a good listener in this class.
- I ask questions if I do not understand something.

Survey questions for this age group can either require a yes/no response or a smiley/sad face response. We recommend using yes/no to help students gain survey experience and prepare for future surveys. At this age, survey items can also be written as statements rather than questions. Statements should be read to students to ensure everyone understands. We suggest starting with easy statements to help students understand the process.

GRADES 1-2 STUDENT SURVEY

After the teacher reads each statement, circle Yes or No.

1. I like pizza.	Yes	No
2. I like recess.	Yes	No
3. I have friends in this class.	Yes	No
4. I like school.	Yes	No
5. I work hard in this class.	Yes	No
6. Students in this class are nice.	Yes	No
7. I like learning new things.	Yes	No
8. I enjoy math.	Yes	No
9. I am a good reader.	Yes	No
10. I think school is easy.	Yes	No
11. I am a leader.	Yes	No
12. I make good decisions.	Yes	No
13. I think I will learn a lot in school.	Yes	No
14. I know I can do well in school.	Yes	No
15. I share my ideas in class.	Yes	No
16. I help other students.	Yes	No
17. I am a good listener in this class.	Yes	No
18. I ask questions if I do not understand something.	Yes	No

Draw a picture of you using your voice!