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### Measure what matters

Parents and educators agree that education is about much more than academic proficiency, yet today education data mostly means grades and test scores. It's time to give schools, families, and communities the instrumentation they need to measure development of the whole child, at scale.



### Engage with impact

Engaged parents and communities lead to strong schools which leads to better results for kids and society as a whole. Most approaches to improving education focus solely on improving schools, but it's time for a coordinated effort that brings entire communities together to improve outcomes for kids.

## Quick Check Surveys

*Practical, holistic measures for student success and school improvement*

Many schools and districts have built comprehensive systems to track attendance, behavior, and course data to ensure students can meet basic requirements. But, helping students succeed requires that educators know the students behind the scores and can assess their needs holistically before minor issues become major challenges.

Intellispark Quick Check Surveys help you measure key indicators affecting how your students experience school through four short, survey instruments that can be delivered via computer or mobile device:

- Get to Know Me
- SEL & Well-being
- Relationships & Networks
- Engagement, Connection, & Belonging

Each survey takes between 5 and 10 minutes for a student to complete. Aggregate data provide high-level insights for administrators, counselors, and teachers at both a student and group level for each survey and across many dimensions grounded in relevant research about adolescent development.

### Get to Know Me

The Get to Know Me survey consists of nine questions designed to help educators quickly learn more about their students' interests, goals and preferences. These questions were developed through discussions with teachers, counselors, and administrators and are a great way to inform strategies for connecting with students on an individual level. The Get to Know Me survey can serve as a helpful icebreaker at the beginning of a new school year.

### SEL & Well-being

The SEL & Well-being survey is a short-form social-emotional learning assessment derived from a collaboration between the Washoe County School District in Nevada; the non-profit Collaborative for Academic,



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### Don't just track... Act!

Schools have invested heavily in improving data systems for more than a decade, but the result can lead to overwhelmed staff and passive dashboards. Aggregating and visualizing data are necessary steps, but they aren't ends in themselves. It's critical that data be presented in actionable context.

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I was meeting with a student the day after we pushed out the *Get to Know Me* survey. [He] was holding his head in his hands. I started to comment on some of his responses ... He actually lifted his head up! And, then we had a great conversation. That happened three times that day.

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Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL); and the University of Illinois at Chicago.<sup>1</sup> The survey maps to the five social-emotional competencies in the CASEL SEL Framework — self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

### Student Relationships & Networks

The Student Relationships & Networks survey is designed to evaluate the strength of a student's current adult and peer relationship network. The survey aligns with research from the Clayton Christensen Institute and Making Caring Common, a project of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.<sup>2</sup> The questions in the survey look at the strength of each student's peer and adult relationships as well as whether the student is equipped to use those relationships effectively.

### Engagement, Connection & Belonging

The Engagement, Connection, & Belonging survey assesses the extent to which students feel engaged and supported and have a sense of belonging at school. Survey questions were developed by staff at Inflexion, a non-profit consulting group focused on helping educators better prepare students for life. Survey items align to the "Healthy Kids Survey" instruments that are widely used in California and Oregon and is inspired by a broad range of engagement, connection, and belonging surveys used in secondary schools nationwide.

### Intended Use

These surveys provide a quick and practical way to gather holistic pieces of information, on a regular basis, that are useful in monitoring and making sense of a student or group of students and getting them the support they need. They can help provide a broad sense of what percentage of a group of students may be struggling with particular issues at a point in time, which can inform small but useful changes in universal practices such as everyday classroom rituals and routines. These surveys are based on a review of current educational research, but are not intended to provide precise measurements or support high-stakes decisions.

### Getting Started

Intellispark Student Voice Surveys are appropriate for grades 6-12 and are included in Intellispark Pro, our comprehensive student success platform for PreK-12 schools which allows you to access individual survey reports, analyze results, and take action to meet students' individual support needs.

### References

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/10932>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/>

