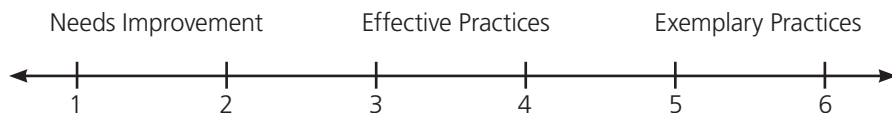


Staff and Team Questionnaire: A Sense of Belonging

Complete this survey, summarize the responses, and then compare responses in small groups. When there are significant differences, the groups should discuss why individuals perceive their school in such different ways and work toward consensus (see chapter 8, page 151).

Rank each statement using the following scale:



1. In terms of student success in school, the school staff believe that positive interrelationships are as important as effective instructional strategies. _____
2. The school is a place where everyone cares about one another—teachers, administrators, families, and students. _____
3. Positive personal relationships characterize the school. _____
4. In the school, teachers care if a student is absent and why he or she was absent. _____
5. In the school, teachers care if students do their work and whether they do it well or not. _____
6. Students and their families know exactly where the students are in their learning, what they have achieved, and what needs to be learned, and the school helps them understand how to achieve their learning goals. _____
7. The school staff treat students and their families exactly like they want to be treated. _____
8. The teachers in our school participate in two-way communication with parents. _____
9. The school encourages parental partnerships. _____
10. The school encourages home visits. _____
11. The school and classrooms have established a family-like atmosphere of caring and respect. _____
12. Students and their families feel that they have a sense of belonging in the school and classrooms. _____
13. In large schools, a family atmosphere has been encouraged through the organization of small minischools or career clusters. _____
14. The school provides students and families with learning options and opportunities based on choice. _____
15. The school staff believe that every single student should be involved in extracurricular or cocurricular activities. _____
16. The school works to develop each student's interests and talents. _____
17. The school sponsors large numbers of student clubs and activities. _____
18. The school is committed to helping each student explore career options and job opportunities. _____

19. The school is part of a K–12 effort to encourage students and families to attend postsecondary training or education. _____
20. The school has a program to help low-income students access computers and mobile phones. _____
21. The school actively works to help students use social media networks, mobile phones, and computers in constructive ways that aid learning and social development.

22. The school not only provides opportunities for clubs and activities, but actively encourages students to become involved. _____
23. All students participate in some form of extracurricular club or activity in which they can develop their talents and interests. _____
24. Overall, I believe that our students from low-income families feel a real sense of belonging in our school.

25. Overall, I believe that our minority students and their families feel a real sense of belonging in our school.
