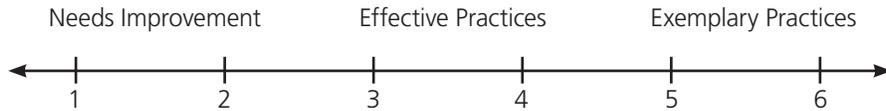


Staff and Team Questionnaire: A Sense of Purpose

Complete this survey, summarize responses, and then compare them 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. Our school helps students find a passion and purpose in their lives. _____
2. Our school helps students and their families consider a wide range of goals for their lives and make informed decisions about their future. _____
3. Our school helps students understand the knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary to achieve their personal goals for the future. _____
4. Our school helps students make specific plans designed to achieve their goals. _____
5. Our school is effective in developing internal motivation for learning. _____
6. Too many of our students seem bored and apathetic. _____
7. Our school counselors provide help with both college-prep and career education. _____
8. Most of our students seem to be “purposeful learners”—they see the relevance between what they are studying and what they would like to achieve in their lives. _____
9. Too many of our students seem more interested in their social network than their school network. _____
10. Our school has a counselor support program that helps all students and their families learn about alternative career opportunities and what is necessary to achieve the various opportunities. _____
11. Our school works hard to make sure students and their families understand the relevance of their schoolwork. _____
12. Our school helps students and their families learn about the variety of learning opportunities available after high school graduation. _____
13. Our school works hard to help families understand how important it is for their children to graduate from high school and go on for additional education or training. _____
14. Our school works hard to help students and their families explore a wide variety of career opportunities. _____
15. Our school provides ongoing student advisement and advisory groups. _____
16. Our school works hard to help each student make long-term plans about achieving his or her personal goals after high school and beyond. _____

17. Our school helps students make specific plans that will help them achieve their long-term goals. _____
18. Our high schools require each student to develop a detailed personal plan for his or her life after high school.

19. Our high schools require that all students complete advanced placement courses. _____
20. Our middle and high schools provide a wide variety of activities and learning experiences that help students explore a wide variety of career opportunities. _____
21. Our school involves students in personal responsibilities in the school and community. _____
22. Our high schools help students and their families learn about financial aid and college applications and help families complete all necessary paperwork prior to high school graduation. _____
23. Our school district monitors the progress of students after they graduate from high school. _____
24. Our school has a system in place that monitors each student's progress and immediately responds if a student begins to struggle. _____
25. Our school feels that career education is equally important as academic learning. _____
26. Our school ensures that each student is developing his or her talents and interests through participation in clubs, activities, or extracurricular activities. _____