

Elevate: Measures Summary

Research is clear: Students are more engaged and successful when they experience certain learning conditions. <u>Elevate</u> makes it easy for educators to measure the quality and the equity of these learning conditions. It also provides practical recommendations for cultivating each condition. Click on the name of a learning condition to read the research behind why it's important and to see recommendations for how to nurture it.

Elevate learning conditions and measures have evolved from 2020-21 to 2021-22, to understand how and why, you can review this detailed summary.

Primary Learning Conditions*

Affirming Identities

Why does it matter? Students feel more connected to and motivated in classes that recognize and affirm their backgrounds and identities.



Measures:

- This teacher accepts me for who I am as a person.
- This teacher makes sure different backgrounds and perspectives are valued and supported.
- I see positive examples of people like me in the things we learn in this class.

<u>Classroom</u> <u>Community</u>

Why does it matter? Students feel safe to engage and succeed in school when the classroom environment encourages a sense of community and fosters mutual support among classmates.



Measures:

- In this class, we have lots of opportunities to interact with each other.
- This class is a welcoming place for everyone.
- I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts and opinions in this class.

Feedback for Growth

Why does it matter? Students learn more effectively when their teachers set high expectations, recognize progress, and offer respectful, critical feedback to help students improve.





Measures:

- In this class, it is okay to make mistakes because we can learn from them.
- This teacher lets me know they believe I can do well in this class.
- I get specific suggestions about how to improve my work.

Meaningful Work

Why does it matter? Students are more motivated to learn when the work in class feels interesting and relevant to them.



Measures:

- In this class, we do meaningful work, not busy work.
- What we learn in this class is connected to real-life.
- This teacher makes what we're learning really interesting.

Student Voice

Why does it matter? Students take ownership of their learning and are more actively engaged in their schoolwork when they have choices, share their ideas, and feel heard.



Measures:

- I have the opportunity to make choices about my work in this class.
- In this class, my ideas are taken seriously.
- This teacher responds to student suggestions to make our class better.

Teacher Caring

Why does it matter? Students engage more deeply in their work when they feel like their teacher likes and cares about them.



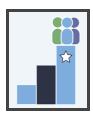
Measures:

- I feel like this teacher is glad that I am in their class.
- This teacher cares about my life outside of school.
- This teacher treats me with respect.



Additional Learning Conditions⁺

Learning Goals



Why does it matter? Students learn more effectively when it is clear to them what they are supposed to be learning and how it fits into the big ideas of that subject area.

Measures:

- I know how the new things we're learning in this class connect to what we've learned before.
- This teacher helps me see my progress as I learn more.

Supportive Teaching

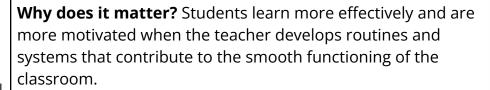
Why does it matter? Students learn more effectively and are more likely to feel valued when their teachers provide them with the instructional support to be successful.



Measures:

- This teacher regularly checks in to make sure we understand the class material.
- This teacher explains things in different ways if we're confused.
- This teacher stays patient even when students don't understand things.

Well-Organized Class





Measures:

- I feel like this class is organized to help me do well.
- This teacher does a good job keeping track of and returning our work.
- It's clear what we're supposed to be doing in this class.

^{*} The primary learning conditions are "on" by default and automatically appear in the student survey.

⁺ The additional learning conditions are "off" by default and must be turned on manually to appear in the student survey.