

Assessment for the Six Keys

For the whole class, or for an individual student, determine the level of each indicator.

- 4: all the time
- 3: enough to feel OK
- 2: questionable
- 1: No, this is not true

Valued Purpose

The students agree that

- _____ What they are learning fulfills needs they have.
- _____ What they are learning is interesting to them.
- _____ Doing excellently in class is worth the effort.
- _____ Their teacher is very important to them.
- _____ Doing well in school is important to their lives.
- _____ Being highly successful in school solves problems or meets needs they have.

Safety

The students feel safe from

- _____ Embarrassment from exposure of anything they believe is a significant lack of knowledge or skills.
- _____ Embarrassment from possible exposure of anything personal they do not want known.
- _____ Any possible loss of dignity.
- _____ Ridicule, sarcasm, and put-downs. Looking stupid, inadequate, incompetent, nerdy to others.
- _____ Physical harm.

Freedom and Independence

The students believe

- _____ They are given meaningful choices impacting how they learn.
- _____ They have significant choices as to how to show their learning.
- _____ They are involved in establishing the standards and options for tasks.
- _____ Their basic needs are met in ways appropriate to them.
- _____ Others are not trying to inappropriately manipulate their thinking.

Love and Belonging—a caring environment

The students believe

- _____ All others in the classroom respect them.
- _____ There are no in/out groups.
- _____ They receive recognition and correction in ways that are comfortable.
- _____ Believe they are challenged “just right.”
- _____ The teacher sincerely cares about them and their needs.
- _____ Their classmates and the teacher value them.

Success

The students think that

- _____ They are achieving mastery in the learning objectives.
- _____ They are progressing toward mastery of major objectives and tasks – not just progressing through units and objectives with variable levels of success.
- _____ They are engaged in challenging tasks.
- _____ Their contributions are respected and validated.
- _____ They receive corrective, learner-controlled, validated, safe, and appropriately delivered feedback opportunities every 10 - 20 minutes.

Fun and Enjoyment

The students

- _____ Find the activities to be fun or interesting.
- _____ Enjoy interacting with others in the classroom.
- _____ Are comfortable in the environment.
- _____ Prefer being in the classroom to being elsewhere.