



THE COLORADO EDUCATION INITIATIVE

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“Students seemed genuinely pleased that we valued their opinions of their teachers. I believe this will be a good tool and a great way to hear from those who see teachers the most.”

— *Educator*

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COLORADO'S STUDENT PERCEPTION SURVEY TOOLKIT

Colorado's Student Perception Survey is a 34-item survey that asks a teacher's students about their experiences in that teacher's class. The survey is aligned with Colorado's Teacher Quality Standards, and it gives teachers, principals, coaches, and mentors powerful feedback about what teachers do and say in their classrooms and how those actions affect their students' experiences. The survey was developed by The Colorado Education Initiative in a rigorous validation process that included extensive input from Colorado teachers and students, and a pilot of the survey across 16 Colorado school districts. Schools and school districts can access the survey and a toolkit of resources for implementing the survey for free at www.coloradoedinitiative.org/our-work/educator-effectiveness/studentsurvey.

WHY A STUDENT PERCEPTION SURVEY?

- Student perception surveys provide a unique form of actionable feedback that districts, schools and teachers can use to inform practice.
- Research suggests that student perception surveys, when combined with observation and student growth data, are the most reliable measures of teacher effectiveness. These three measures are better able to predict future effectiveness and tell us more than any measure alone.¹
- Students are the most important stakeholders in our education system. Student perception surveys provide an invaluable opportunity to hear their perspective on their classroom experiences.
- Students spend more time in classrooms and experience what their teachers say and do more than anyone else.
- Surveys can provide feedback for nearly all teachers, including those in untested grades and subjects.
- Results can serve as an optional measure for teacher evaluation under SB 10-191.

HOW WILL THE TOOLKIT HELP?

Provides a free, research-based survey that has undergone a rigorous validation process with Colorado students and teachers.

- The survey is aligned to Colorado's Teacher Quality Standards.
- Over 1400 teachers provided feedback and input through focus groups, surveys and the pilot process.
- A rigorous analysis of data from the pilot process has established the fairness, validity, and reliability of the survey.

Comprehensive toolkit providing everything a school or school district needs to implement the survey including:

- A version of the survey for use with grades 3 - 5 and a version for grades 6 - 12
- Robust Spanish translations
- Testing protocols
- Planning guides
- Guidance for communication with various stakeholders
- Best practices for survey administration, logistics, sampling, etc.

¹ For research findings cited in this section see *Asking Students about Teaching: Student Perception Surveys and Their Implementation* (September 2012), www.metproject.org