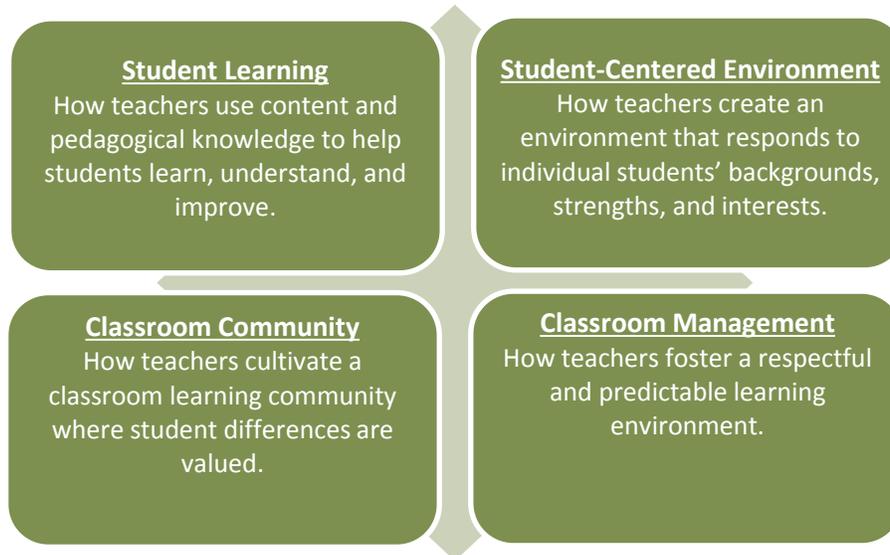




## Colorado's Student Perception Survey - Grades 3-5

Colorado's Student Perception Survey is a 34 question<sup>1</sup> instrument that measures elements of student experience that have been demonstrated to correlate most closely to a teacher's ability to positively impact student growth. Students are asked to indicate how frequently they experience each item with a response scale of *always, most of the time, some of the time, and never*. The survey is organized by four elements<sup>2</sup>:



There are two versions of Colorado's Student Perception Survey: one for grades 3 - 5 and another for grades 6 -12. The survey items for grades 3 - 5 are listed below and the version for grades 6 - 12 can be found at [www.coloradoedinitiative.org/studentsurvey/](http://www.coloradoedinitiative.org/studentsurvey/).

**Student Learning:** *How teachers use content and pedagogical knowledge to help students learn, understand, and improve.*

The schoolwork we do helps me learn.

What I learn in this class is useful to me in my real life.

In this class, we learn a lot almost every day.

My teacher makes sure that we think hard about things we read and write.

When the work is too hard, my teacher helps me keep trying.

In this class, it is more important to understand the lesson than to memorize the answers.

My teacher uses a lot of different ways to explain things.

My teacher knows when we understand the lesson and when we do not.

Our classroom materials and supplies have a special place and things are easy to find.

In this class, we learn to correct our mistakes.

<sup>1</sup> A number of items on the Colorado SPS were adapted from items made available for non-commercial use through the Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Project, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

<sup>2</sup> For administration purposes, survey items should be in the order that is outlined in our [administration materials](#) not by survey element.

My teacher tells us what we are learning and why.

My teacher asks questions to be sure we are following along.

My teacher talks to me about my work to help me understand my mistakes.

My teacher writes notes on my work that help me do better next time.

The schoolwork we do is interesting.

**Student-Centered Environment:** *How teachers create an environment that responds to individual students' backgrounds, strengths, and interests.*

My teacher wants us to share what we think.

My teacher teaches us to respect people's differences.

My teacher knows what makes me excited about learning.

My teacher talks about things we learn in other classes, subjects, and years.

If I am sad or angry, my teacher helps me feel better.

My teacher would notice if something was bothering me.

The people we learn and read about in this class are like me.

My teacher knows what my life is like outside of school.

My teacher knows what is important to me.

Students feel comfortable sharing their ideas in this class.

**Classroom Community:** *How teachers cultivate a classroom learning community where student differences are valued.*

My teacher cares about me.

In this class, I feel like I fit in.

I feel like an important part of my classroom community.

I ask for help when I need it.

I feel like I do a good job in this class.

**Classroom Management:** *How teachers foster a respectful and predictable learning environment.*

Our class stays busy and does not waste time.

Students in my class are respectful to our teacher.

My classmates behave the way my teacher wants them to.

All of the kids in my class know what they are supposed to be doing and learning.