

# Student Surveys

## State Model for Teacher Evaluation



### Introduction

To ensure that districts use effective survey instruments in the teacher evaluation process, and to allow educators to share results across district boundaries, CSDE has adopted recommended student survey instruments as part of the SEED State Model for teacher evaluation. Panorama Education developed the surveys for use in the State of Connecticut, and CSDE has arranged to make the survey instruments available to Connecticut districts at no cost. **Districts are strongly encouraged to use these State Model surveys.**

### The Survey Instruments

The student surveys are provided in two levels, one for students in grades 4-5 and one for students in grades 6-12. These recommended surveys are designed to be administered at the classroom level, with students responding to questions about each of their teachers. Alternatively, districts may choose to administer student surveys at the school level, with students responding to questions about their class experience overall, across all classes. For these districts, CSDE is also providing a school-level version of the student surveys.

The questions align with the Connecticut Common Core of Teaching and Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching. In addition to objective observation questions, each survey includes subjective questions about the respondent's feelings and perceptions in cases where student perceptions have been shown by research to affect educational outcomes.

These surveys were written with the intention that every question should provide valuable feedback to teachers. Per the SEED model, however, only one question, or a small selection of questions, will be used for teacher goal-setting and evaluation. Therefore, teachers and their evaluators will have the opportunity to use their professional judgment to decide which question(s) are most appropriate or relevant in terms of setting their student goals.

Panorama Education will be releasing a full reliability and validity study later this year.

### Survey Customization

Districts may include additional questions at the end of the survey. To ensure survey integrity, districts are encouraged to consult with Panorama before removing questions or changing their order.

### Survey Administration

CSDE has partnered with Panorama Education to support the survey components of SEED. Districts are encouraged to reach out to Panorama for advice (no cost to districts) and survey implementation services.

### Survey Data

CSDE asks that districts using this survey share copies of their survey data with Panorama Education in order to improve the survey.

### Future Revisions

During the pilot year and beyond, Panorama Education and CSDE will continue improving the survey instruments and may release revised versions.

### Questions?

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