

Intermediate District 287
Student Engagement Instrument (SEI):
Introduction

Why the SEI?

The Student Engagement Instrument (SEI) measures how engaged students are in school and learning. We use the SEI in District 287 because research shows it to be a powerful predictor of graduation and success after high school. In addition, the SEI helps to show what improvements we can make in the student's learning environment to increase their engagement and likelihood of success.

What is the SEI?

The SEI is a 35 question survey that gives students the opportunity to share their perspectives and opinions about school. Students are asked about a variety of topics, including the level of support they receive from teachers, peers, and family, as well as their perceptions of school work and future educational goals.

The survey helps teachers to better understand their students' perspectives. Individual responses are confidential and only shared with teachers and administrators that work with a student, for the purposes of educational planning and instruction. Students and parents are welcome to request a copy of the results.

How and when is the SEI given?

The survey is group administered - students enter their responses on a computer - and takes about 30 minutes to complete. Your school may measure students in grades 3 through 12 and students in transition programs on the SEI between 2 and 4 times, spread over the course of the school year, in order to track how students' perspectives have changed.

For more information, please contact your school's administrators.