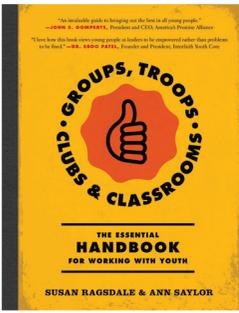


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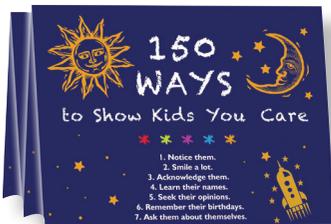
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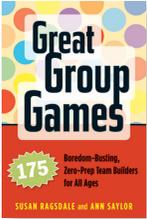
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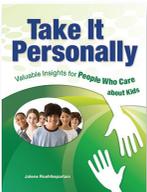
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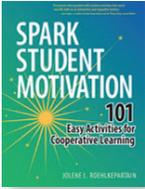
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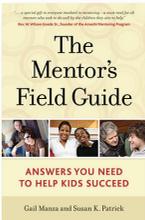


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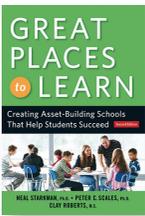


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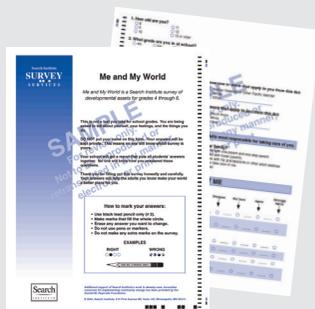
# STUDENT SURVEYS

## GO BEYOND TEST SCORES AND LISTEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES

### Our Most Popular Instruments

The **Attitudes & Behaviors** (Grades 6-12) survey as well as our **Me & My World** (Grades 4-6) survey provide a detailed snapshot in time of your young peoples' attitudes, behaviors, and experiences. (Commonly used as a needs assessment.)

The **Developmental Assets Profile** is a brief strength-based survey typically used for measuring internal strengths and external supports in your young people and how they change over time. (Commonly used for evaluation purposes.)



### New Surveys Available in January 2015

The **Out-of-School Time Program Quality Survey** brings youth perspectives to your improvement strategies. It measures eight key elements of high-quality programs, such as program safety, opportunities to belong, and skill building. The survey sheds light on how young people's perspectives vary by their level of participation and examines how program quality correlates with youth levels of Developmental Assets which are linked to academic, social-emotional, psychological, and behavioral well-being. This survey is appropriate for any organization that works with youth ages 10 to 18 outside of the classroom.

The **Perseverance Survey** helps schools focus on supporting young people to persevere through distraction and difficulty to accomplish challenging tasks in school and in life. This survey measures five dimensions of perseverance in school life: student identification and pursuit of deep interests, a vision and plans for future goals, a growth mindset, mental toughness, and support and challenge through relationships. This resulting report correlates perseverance with key indicators of academic success, including confidence, school engagement, mastery orientation, and self-reported grades. This survey supports Search Institute's Perseverance Process and the underlying STICK TO IT framework.

The **Developmental Relationships Survey: School Version** looks at the degree to which interactions with staff motivate and engage your students. This survey shows how students perceive relationships with school staff to promote the five core areas of Search Institute's new Developmental Relationships Framework: expressing care, challenging growth, providing support, sharing power, and expanding possibilities. This survey correlates student experience of developmental relationships with key ingredients for academic success, including school engagement, perseverance, and self-reported grades.

The **Survey of College Student Strengths** helps colleges and universities assess the developmental relationships, strengths, and opportunities of their students. This survey connects those measures to the habits, skills, and attitudes that are essential for learning, working, and contributing to community. The resulting report highlights the current challenges that your students face, such as lack of work-life balance and other common barriers to academic success.

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**Igniting Sparks.** This workshop teaches participants how to help young people discover and develop their "sparks." Sparks are young people's interests and passions that light a fire in their lives and help them express who they are and what they can offer to the world.

**More Than Just a Place to Go.** This workshop helps staff and partners of out-of-school time programs create and sustain extraordinary environments in which young people thrive and grow.



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### The Perseverance Process

The Perseverance Process will help schools, family-serving organizations, youth programs, and mentoring partnerships solve one of the most pressing problems today: motivating young people to undertake *and complete* the challenging academic work that is required for success in some type of college and a high-skill career. The STICK TO IT framework helps students adopt mindsets and behaviors to persevere despite obstacles and challenges.

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