

School Engagement

Definition

School engagement is a multifaceted construct; however, stated simply, it means that students have an active involvement in school tasks, either affectively, behaviourally, or cognitively (Hagborg, 1994; Jimerson, Campos, & Greif, 2003). Behavioural engagement is related to student conduct and on-task behaviour, affective engagement is related to student attitudes toward school, and cognitive engagement is related to student motivation and self-regulated learning (as cited in Fredricks, Blumenfeld, & Paris, 2004).

Special Note

This scale is divided into behavioural (items 1-4), emotional (items 5-10), and cognitive (items 11- 14) engagement measures.

Related Indicators

- School Climate
- Attitudes Toward School
- School Membership
- Academic Self-Efficacy

School Engagement Scale – Behavioral, Emotional, and Cognitive Engagement

Read each statement and then use the scale below to select the scale point that best reflects you personally:

1 = Never; 2 = On Occasion; 3 = Some of the Time; 4 = Most of the Time; 5 = All of the Time.

1.	I pay attention in class.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
2.	When I am in class, I am working.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
3.	I follow the rules at school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
4.	I stay out of trouble at school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
5.	I feel happy in school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
6.	I don't get bored at school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
7.	I feel excited by the work in school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
8.	I like being at school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
9.	I am interested in the work at school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
10.	My classroom is a fun place to be.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
11.	When I read a book, I ask myself questions to make sure I understand what it is about.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5

12.	I study at home even when I don't have a test.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
13.	I try to watch TV shows about things we are doing in school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
14.	I check my schoolwork for mistakes.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5
15.	I read extra books to learn more about things we do in school.	Never 1	On Occasion 2	Some Of The Time 3	Most Of The Time 4	All Of The Time 5

Source: Fredricks, Blumenfeld, Friedel & Paris, 2005.