

THE DESSA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SELF-REPORT

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The DESSA Middle School Student Self-Report provides a clear picture of students' social and emotional strengths and areas for growth. This information allows students to make choices about which skills they want to develop and which goals they want to set. By becoming a more self-directed learner, students can acquire a sense of self-worth that holds strong throughout their academic journey.

THE APERTURE STUDENT PORTAL

The **Aperture Student Portal** is student-facing software that enables districts and out-of-school time programs to:

Capture student voice — when students feel their opinions and choices matter, they are more likely to be invested in their learning.

Support student choice — steering their own learning can have a significant impact on student engagement, motivation, and achievement. Students may choose any of the available SEL strategies and implement them at their own pace.



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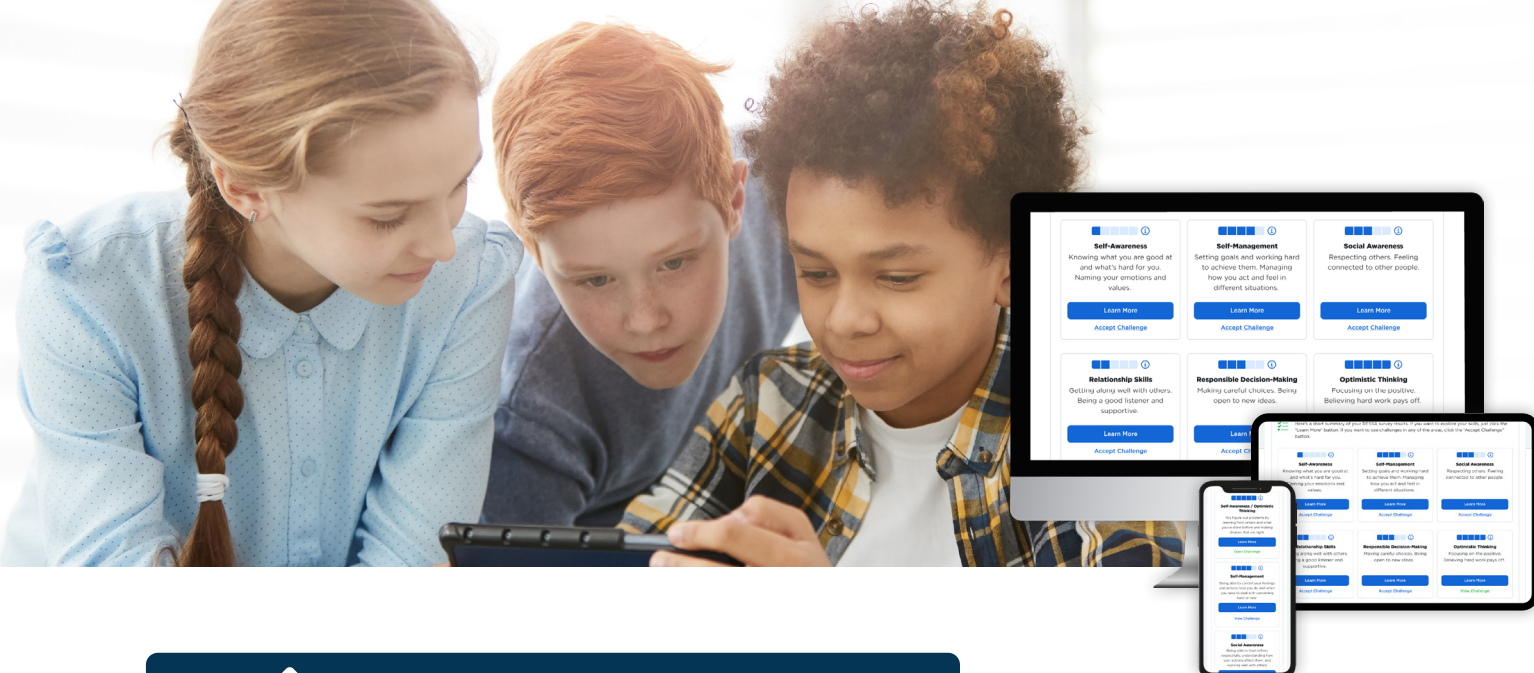
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School Self-Report

SEL Challenges

SMART Goals



APERTURE EDUCATION



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DESSA Middle School Self-Report

- 50 questions, takes most students less than 7 minutes to complete
- 6 CASEL™ -aligned competencies
- Based on a large and diverse nationally representative sample of middle school students across the United States
- Reliable and valid for measuring students' social and emotional skills
- Available in English, Spanish, Arabic, & Chinese Simplified

SEL Challenges

- 18 research-based SEL Challenges to aid in student choice and enhance social and emotional skills
- Gamified system provides instant feedback
- Completion badges awarded to increase engagement

SMART Goals

- 53 personalized SMART goal-setting tracks
- 9 SMART Goal categories, including healthy habits, academics, and more
- Promotes goal-directed behavior and self-efficacy

LEVEL UP YOUR LEARNING:

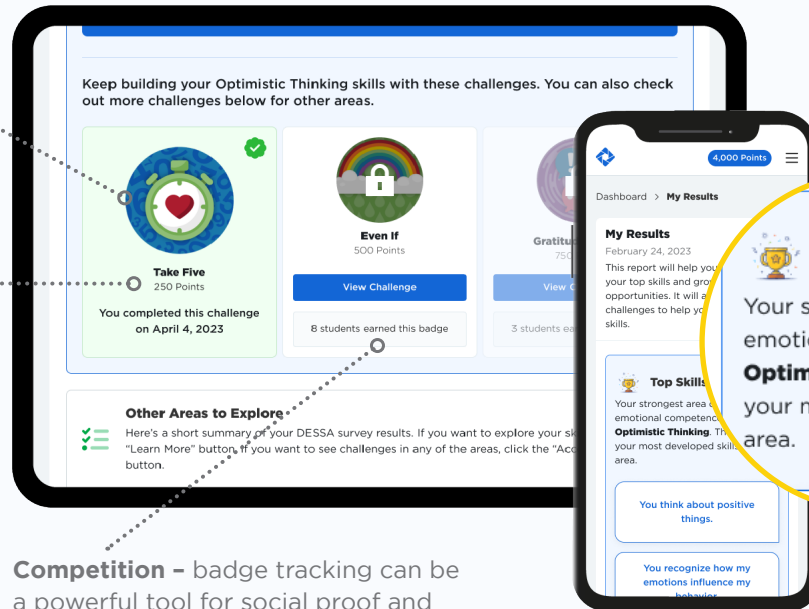
Engage Middle Schoolers with our **New** Gamified Student Portal Updates!

Interactive challenges now include a dynamic point system and badges designed to make learning fun and engaging for all your middle school game enthusiasts.

GAMIFICATION FEATURES

Badging System – badges provide students with tangible evidence of their achievements and progress.

Points System – breaks down complex tasks into smaller achievable goals.



Student “Top Skill” – Calling out Top Skills builds student confidence by acknowledging and validating their strongest area of social and emotional competence.

Competition – badge tracking can be a powerful tool for social proof and competition, signaling to others that a certain level of proficiency has been achieved.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

At Aperture, we are committed to meeting our users where they are and building inclusive products that fit their needs. That’s why when creating the Middle School Student Self-Report, we formed our Youth Advisory Board, a group of diverse students who test and provide feedback at every stage of product development. Engaging with these students means we are better equipped to understand their needs and expectations and to develop features that are relevant, user-friendly, and aligned to their preferences.

A CLOSER LOOK INSIDE SEL CHALLENGES

Completing the Aperture Student Portal SEL Challenges not only improves social and emotional skills, but also imparts a sense of pride and accomplishment, leaving students motivated to stay the course.

Main Tab – details challenge to provide additional context

Task Tab – includes all tasks students must complete to fulfill the entire challenge.

Updates Tab – helps keep students accountable and on track

Attachments Tab – students can upload files to mark their journey

