

## Psychological Sense of School Membership Scale

### OVERVIEW

- This scale measures youth perceptions of sense of school belonging in research investigating associations between the relational quality of educational contexts and motivational and achievement outcomes

### SUBSCALES

- None
- Sample items:
  - Other students in this school take my opinions seriously
  - I can really be myself at school
  - I feel proud of belonging to (name of school)

### THEME(S)

- Social Support
- Education

### TARGET POPULATION

- Youth from 10 years of age and older

### LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- 18 items
- Scale ranges from 1 (Not at all true) to 5 (Completely true)
- Negatively worded items need to be reverse-coded
- The scores are summed to attain a total score
- Self-report, paper-pencil version
- Available in: English, Spanish

### DEVELOPER

- Goodenow, C., 1993

### GOOD TO KNOW

- Permission must be attained by the author before using this scale
- The scale is endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control for use in evaluating violence prevention programs

### PSYCHOMETRICS

#### RELIABILITY

- High reliability (internal consistency  $\alpha = .77-.88$ )

#### VALIDITY

- Construct validity

### Learn more:

- Goodenow C. (1993). The psychological sense of school membership among adolescents: Scale development and educational correlates. *Psychology in the Schools*, 30(1), 79-90. doi:10.1002/1520-6807

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Circle the answer for each statement that is most true for you.

1) I feel like a part of my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
2) People at my school notice when I am good at something.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
3) It is hard for people like me to be accepted at my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
4) Other students in my school take my opinions seriously.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
5) Most teachers at my school are interested in me.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
6) Sometimes I feel as if I don't belong in my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
7) There is at least one teacher or adult I can talk to in my school if I have a problem.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
8) People at my school are friendly to me.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
9) Teachers here are not interested in people like me.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
10) I am included in lots of activities at my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
11) I am treated with as much respect as other students in my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
12) I feel very different from most other students at my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
13) I can really be myself at my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
14) Teachers at my school respect me.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
15) People at my school know that I can do good work.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
16) I wish I were in a different school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
17) I feel proud to belong to my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
18) Other students at my school like me the way that I am.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5