How can I track data with my students?

Overview

Data becomes much more powerful when leaders, teachers, and students engage with the data and have "data conversations," or "data chats." During these conversations, leaders and teachers identify strengths, areas for growth, goals, and specific actions. For leaders and teachers, these conversations help unpack what the data means and decide what to do about it. For students, these conversations increase student engagement and promote student ownership over their own learning.
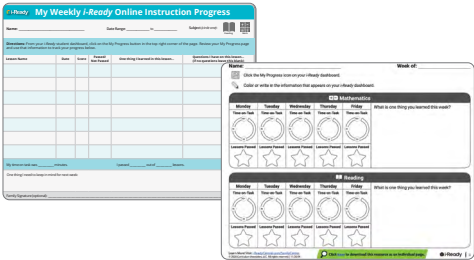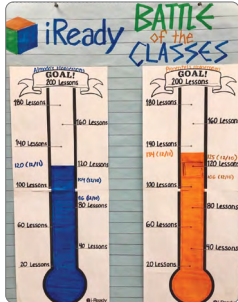
What are the benefits of tracking data with my students?

- Increases student effort and progress
- Fosters student commitment to achieving goals
- Enhances student motivation
- Encourages student self-regulation
- Cultivates feelings of belonging and increased achievement

What are the guidelines for student data tracking?

- Encourage student reflection along with data tracking (i.e., What did the student learn? What can they do better?).
- Consider collective goals and group accountability on progress against goals.
- Track progress to promote learning and self-comparison (not peer comparison).
- Focus on the growth of students, not just on students' scores and specific data points.
- Suggest tracking both academic and non-academic goals, like effective habits and behavior.
- Share with families for additional accountability and support.
- Consider ways to celebrate and recognize student progress.

In what ways can students track data?

Data Trackers	Data Folder	Data Display
Worksheets for students to track their individual data either at school or at home	A folder of data-tracking tools—a data folder can be focused on one content area or contain a compilation of tracking tools from a variety of content areas.	A classroom data display is a public display of data to encourage student improvement toward goals and celebrate accomplishments. Classroom data displays should focus on the growth of students, not on students' scores or specific data points.

To see additional ideas for student data tracking, visit i-ReadyCentral.com/Ideas.

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