AGENCY:

The idea that people have the capacity to take action, craft and carry out plans, and make informed decisions based on a growing base of knowledge.

To experience Agency, you must experience four competencies:

IDENTITY:

Your ways of being, learning, and knowing in the world are valued.

Ask: "What matters to you about this content/project, and why?"

MASTERY:

The ability to build knowledge and demonstrate understanding as a learner.

Ask: "What is the evidence for the claim you're making?"

BELONGING:

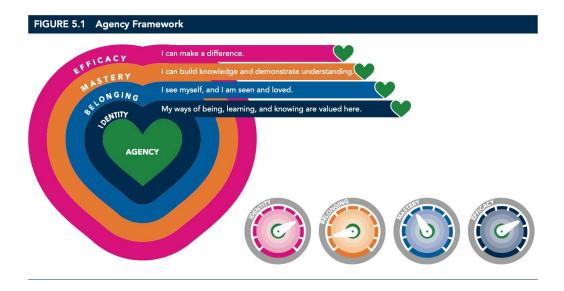
'I see myself, and I am seen and loved here.'

Ask: "What is getting in the way of your learning/engagement, and how can I best support you?"

EFFICACY:

'I can make a difference here.'

Ask: "What ideas do you want to contribute to this discussion/project? What action do you want to take?"



What helps a child develop a sense of purpose and efficacy, and how can schools cultivate that? What enables them to thrive? What says "I see you. I believe in you. You are safe to grow and thrive here. I want to hear your voice."