

February 26, 2019

Good evening Parents.

This is an important message from Shoally Creek Elementary School.

Students in grades 3-12 will have the opportunity to share information about their educational experiences and perspectives through the statewide AdvancED Student Engagement Survey administered at Shoally Creek Elementary School between **February 19 – March 15, 2019**. This brief 20-question survey is not a test, and there are no correct or incorrect answers.

Participating in the survey provides your student an opportunity to have a voice in their education. We take student privacy seriously; therefore, the data collected and analyzed will be at the school level and the responses will remain anonymous. We encourage you to talk with your child about the survey and let them know the importance of answering the questions honestly. The collective responses of all participating students will help our school and district learn what we do well and what we can do better to help all students succeed.

If you would like to view the parent letter electronically along with accompanying Frequently-Asked Questions answered by AdvancED, please visit our school webpage at sce.spart2.org. If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Laura Meyer at 864-594-3200. We look forward to your child participating in the 2019 Student Engagement Survey.

Thank you for your support!



Frequently Asked Questions – Parents

2018-19 South Carolina Student Engagement Survey

1. **Q: When will the survey be given to students?**

A: The survey administration window will be open from **February 19 through March 15, 2019**. Each district will determine the best time to administer the survey to their students during this time period.

2. **Q: What is the purpose of the student engagement survey?**

A: The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is determined to provide its schools and districts with better information about student learning to support their continuous improvement efforts and improve teaching and learning. The AdvancED Student Engagement Survey collects direct feedback from students regarding their learning experiences; results for schools help leaders and teachers understand what students need for their success. The 2019 results will be used to calculate each school's School Quality Indicator which accounts for 10% of an elementary or middle school's overall rating and 5% of a high school's overall rating for the 2018-19 school year.

3. **Q: Which students are included in the survey administration?**

A: All students in grades 3-12 who were actively enrolled in a South Carolina school during the survey window should participate in the survey administration.

4. **Q: How will students access the surveys?**

A: The survey is administered online to students statewide. Each student will enter his/her unique login credentials to access the survey that was developed for his/her grade level. South Carolina district coordinators will provide school coordinators the unique login credentials for each rostered student.

5. **Q: How long is the survey and will students be asked demographic questions?**

A: There are 20 survey questions for students to answer. Students will not be asked any questions related to their gender, race or religion.



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6. Q: Will a transfer or new student have to take a survey?

A: Each student will only take one student engagement survey. Because this is a statewide survey, if a student transfers from another South Carolina school where he or she already has taken the survey during the current administration window, they will not have access to take the survey again. If during the survey administration window, a student transfers from a school outside of the state, or he/she did not previously take this year's survey while at another school/district within the state, they should take the survey. If this new student does not have access to the survey, he/she should inform their teacher.

7. Q: Who do I contact with additional questions related to South Carolina Student Engagement Survey?

A: Please contact the school or district the student attends.

8. Q: Who do I contact with inquiries about the survey system or student engagement surveys in general?

A: Please contact the AdvancED Help Desk: eProve@advanc-ed.org or 888-413-3669 ext. 5720.