

BEHAVIORAL ENGAGEMENT SCENARIOS

Scenario #1

Anywhere High School has recently deployed a student engagement survey to begin an intervention to increase student engagement. When you visit the school, you notice:

- Extra help is offered, but few students attend.
- Students often check in to school late.
- At school events, few students participate or attend.
- Students rarely wear school apparel or show school pride.

The results of the survey were eye-opening. Some of the stand-out results include:

- I try hard to do well in school. (42%)
- Most mornings, I look forward to going to school. (21%)
- I take an active role in extracurricular activities in my school. (47%)
- I like my school. (35%)

Scenario #2

During an observation of Mr. Williams' class at Anywhere High School, you notice:

- Many students' papers have doodles instead of work.
- Students rarely raise their hands or ask questions.
- Students are overheard saying, "This is too hard, I quit."
- Students are overheard saying, "I hate this school."

Responses of notes from the student engagement survey for Mr. Williams' students include:

- When I'm in class, I just act like I'm working. (56%)
- I enjoy learning new things in class. (24%)
- When I run into a difficult homework problem, I keep working at it until I think I've solved it. (34%)
- I'm happy to be at this school. (40%)

Scenario #3

Brian Doe, a student in Mr. Williams' English class at Anywhere High School, was willing to sit down for a short interview with you. During this interview, he revealed:

- "Sometimes, Mr. Williams talks for so long I stop listening."
- "I don't think I will ever use anything Mr. Williams teaches us."
- "Mr. Williams' class is boring, so I don't do the assignments."
- "I tried to convince my mom to let me stay home."

A small sample of Brian's responses on the student engagement survey reveal his perceptions:

- When I'm in class, my mind wanders. (58%)
- I think what we are learning in school is interesting. (22%)
- When I'm in class, I participate in class activities. (47%)
- Most mornings, I look forward to going to school. (21%)