

Introduction

To ensure that districts use effective survey instruments in the educator evaluation process, and to allow educators to share results across district boundaries, CSDE has adopted a recommended parent survey instrument as part of the SEED State Model for educator evaluation. Panorama Education developed the survey for use in the State of Connecticut, and CSDE has arranged to make the survey available to Connecticut districts at no cost. **Districts are strongly encouraged to use the State Model survey.**

The Survey Instruments

This parent survey includes questions about teaching as well as questions about the school as a whole. Accordingly, the survey can be used for the parent feedback component of the teacher evaluation model and as one form of stakeholder feedback for the administrator evaluation model.

The questions align with the Connecticut Common Core of Teaching and with Connecticut's Leadership Standards. In addition to objective observation questions, the survey includes subjective questions about the respondent's feelings and perceptions in cases where parent perceptions have been shown by research to affect educational outcomes.

This survey was written with the intention that every question should provide valuable feedback to teachers and administrators. Per the SEED model, however, only one question, or a small selection of questions, will be used for goal-setting and evaluation. Therefore, educators and their evaluators will have the opportunity to use their professional judgment to decide which question(s) are most appropriate or relevant in terms of setting their goals.

Panorama Education will be releasing a full reliability and validity study of this survey later this year.

The Question Bank and Survey Customization

Panorama Education has also provided a bank of additional survey questions, and districts may add items to the model survey. To ensure survey integrity, districts are encouraged to consult with Panorama before removing questions from the model survey or changing their order. Additionally, districts may customize certain question wording to match district terminology for phrases such as "Open House".

Survey Administration

In administering this survey, districts should pay special attention to ensuring that response rates are high, that respondents are representative of the district, and that parents only complete one survey for each child. CSDE has partnered with Panorama Education to support the survey components of SEED. Districts are encouraged to reach out to Panorama for advice (no cost to districts) and survey implementation services.

Survey Data

CSDE asks that districts using this survey share copies of their survey data with Panorama Education in order to improve the survey.

Future Revisions

During the pilot year and beyond, Panorama Education and CSDE will continue improving the survey instruments and may release revised versions.

Questions?

Please contact Panorama Education at ct_support@panoramaed.com.