Quick Scale: Grades 6 to 8 Social Responsibility

This Quick Scale presents summary statements from the four categories in a one-page format for ease of use. In most cases, these scales can be used to evaluate student development anytime during the year. In the Elaborated Scale, each of the four categories is printed on a separate page.

Aspect	Not Yet Within Expectations	Meets Expectations (Minimal Level)	Fully Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY	 often appears to be unfriendly and negative does not take responsibility or work cooperatively 	 usually friendly and, if asked, will include others with support, will take responsibility, contribute, and work cooperatively 	 routinely kind and friendly, and helps and includes others if asked takes responsibility, contributes, and works cooperatively 	 kind, friendly, inclusive, and helpful voluntarily takes on responsibilities and contributes; effective in groups
SOLVING PROBLEMS IN PEACEFUL WAYS	 unwilling or unable to solve interpersonal problems; may be illogical or blame others, or become violent or sarcastic tends to view problems in black and white; has difficulty considering more than one perspective, generating strategies, and predicting consequences 	 may try to solve interpersonal problems and consider others' feelings, but often needs support; may become frustrated and blame others can clarify familiar, concrete problems and issues, and propose some strategies; may misinterpret consequences 	tries to solve interpersonal problems calmly; often shows empathy and considers others' perspectives can clarify an increasing range of problems or issues, generate and compare potential strategies, and anticipate some consequences	uses a repertoire of strategies to deal with interpersonal problems; tries to be logical and non-judgmental; considers others' feelings and perspectives can clarify increasingly complex problems and issues, propose and evaluate strategies, and weigh consequences
VALUING DIVERSITY AND DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS	often disrespectful and may avoid or be negative towards those perceived as different in some way	usually respectful to others and accepting of differences, but may not see the need for action on human rights	usually treats others fairly and respectfully; tries to be unbiased; shows some support for human rights	usually treats everyone fairly and respectfully; shows an increasing commitment to correcting injustices
EXERCISING DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES	• tends to be egocentric or apathetic; may show a sense of power- lessness	shows some interest in making the world a better place, but ideas tend to be very general and follow-through tends to be incon- sistent	shows a sense of community and an interest in making the world a better place; tries to follow through on planned actions	shows a growing sense of altruism and optimism—a commitment to making the world a better place

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