



STUDENT VOICE

What is Student Voice?

In short...

Student Voice is asking about and encouraging student viewpoints for school improvement.

How do I listen to Student Voice?

Educators listen to Student Voice...

Intentionally – deliberately seeking student opinions

Purposefully – having a goal in mind

Systematically – establishing a plan to reach the goal

What are the elements of Student Voice?

1. Issues must be relevant to the students
2. Students and adults are having ongoing and meaningful conversations
3. Students are planning and making decisions about school issues
4. Students and adults are sharing power and ownership of decisions
5. Students are addressing school challenges through action

Why do we need Student Voice?

Student Voice allows students to...

Engage in school improvement and take ownership in school successes

Help sustain school improvement efforts

Gain knowledge that allows them to help themselves and their peers

Provide teachers with an impetus to reflect and implement improvement strategies in their classrooms

How can I implement Student Voice?

Start a Student Advisory Council

The Student Advisory Council is a group representative of the student body that works in collaboration with an educator or administrator to make meaningful change.

See additional resources on how to start a Student Advisory Council

