



INTRODUCTION

User's Guide and Toolkit for the Surveys of Student Engagement: The High School Survey of Student Engagement (HSSSE) and the Middle Grades Survey of Student Engagement (MGSSE)

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This *User's Guide and Toolkit* contains essential information for school administrators interested in administering HSSSE or MGSSE. The *Guide* explains why student engagement is important and provides steps and strategies that will help you prepare for and launch the surveys, interpret your school's numbers, and use them to drive improvement.

This *Guide* includes the following sections:

- I. What Is Student Engagement and Why Is It Important?
- II. Improving Student Experience, Growth, and Learning
- III. Data-Informed Decision Making: A Short Primer
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- VI. Interpreting Your HSSSE and MGSSE Results: Nine Noteworthy Tips and Techniques
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