

# Holistic Student Assessment



## What is the Holistic Student Assessment (HSA)?

The HSA is a data-driven tool to promote social-emotional development in young people in school and afterschool settings. The self-report tool provides teachers, program staff and administrators with a social-emotional “portrait” of the unique strengths and challenges of each young person. Data can be reported at individual, classroom, school and district levels. The HSA can be administered to students at different times in the year

## Why Use the HSA?

- Enhances systems for supporting social-emotional and developmental well-being in students
- Detects social-emotional barriers to learning earlier
- Helps to differentiate teaching approaches and targeted intervention strategies
- Provides individual- and aggregate-level data for schools and programs

## How Does it Work?

**At each school or program site:**

1. Students respond to 61\* questions.
2. Teachers, program staff, and administrators receive an individual portrait showing each student’s unique presentation of social-emotional strengths and challenges.
3. Teachers and program staff work to differentiate teaching and intervention based on information from students’ portraits.
4. Support staff coordinate with teachers when more challenging issues become evident in a student’s portrait.
5. Administrators review aggregate results to facilitate planning for professional development, community partnerships and other services.

## Design Attributes

- **Student voice** – the HSA is based on answers that young people provide about themselves.
- **Fast turnaround** – schools and programs receive results within two weeks of HSA administration.
- **Strength-based** – individual portraits present strengths as well as challenges in different social-emotional domains.
- **Differentiated learning** – information from the tool encourages differentiated teaching and support strategies.

\* 86 questions if *Strengths and Difficulties (SDQ)* questionnaire is included.

## Languages Available

- Cape Verdean Creole
- Chinese (Simplified and Traditional)
- English
- Haitian Creole
- Portuguese
- Spanish

# Sample HSA Portrait

Demo: HSA Dashboard 2018-2019

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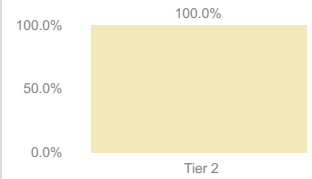
Organization: All Site: All **PEARID: 100,328** HSA Support Need: All Grade: All First Name: All Last Name: All  
 Homeroom: All Group: All Special Education Status: All Free/Reduced Lunch: All ELL: All

## Student Information

PEARID	First Name	Last Name	Gender	Age	Grade	HSA Support Need
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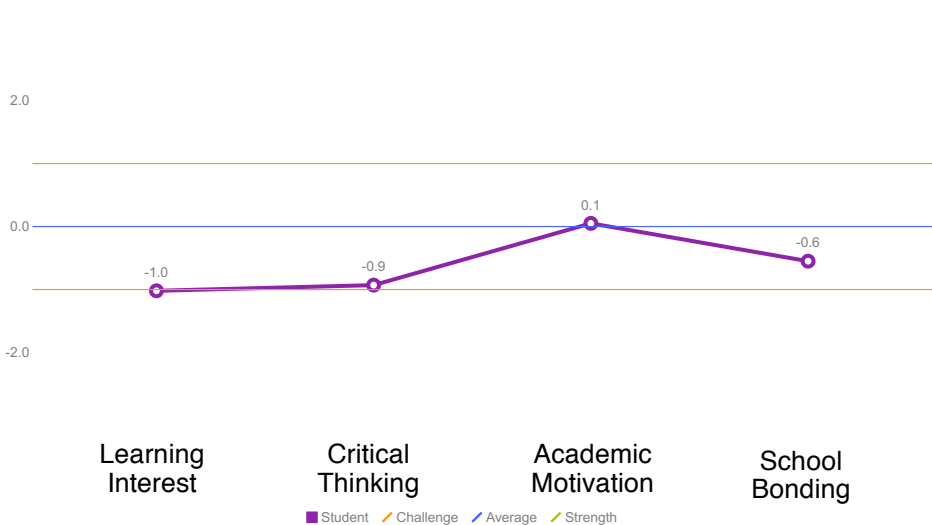
## Support Need Tier



## Resiliencies



## Learning and School Engagement



## Relationships

