



Devereux Student Strengths Assessment Second Edition (DESSA 2)

Student's Name		Gender	DOB			Grade		
Person Completing this Form Relationship				nt				
Date of	Rating School/Organization		am					
the phra	m describes a number of behaviors seen in some students. Read the ase: During the past 4 weeks, how often did the student and placeath the word that tells how often you saw the behavior. Please an	ce a check mark in the box	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always	
carefully. There are no right or wrong answers. If you wish to change your answer, put an X through it and fill in your new choice as shown to the right. A "Never" response can mean that you have never observed the student engaging in that behavior or that the student does not engage in that behavior.			X	V				
Item #	During the past 4 weeks, how often did the student		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always	
1.	show an awareness of their personal strengths?							
2.	prepare for school, activities, or upcoming events?							
3.	accept that making mistakes is part of learning?							
4.	get along well with different types of people?							
5.	stay focused despite a distraction?							
6.	describe the emotion they were feeling?							
7.	view negative outcomes as a learning opportunity?							
8.	ask questions when they did not understand something?							
9.	respect a person's right to have a different perspective?							
10.	demonstrate openness to new situations, experiences, and peo	ople?						
11.	show appreciation of others?							
12.	interact positively with classmates?							
13.	show a willingness to update their thinking?							
14.	keep trying when unsuccessful?							
15.	seek out challenging tasks?							
16.	respond to others' feelings in kind and safe ways?							

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17.	encourage others?							
18.	gather information before making an important decision?							
19.	contribute to creating a positive learning environment?							
20.	think before they acted?							
21.	show a willingness to examine their beliefs and opinions?							
22.	work carefully on projects or schoolwork?							
23.	focus on the positive aspects of a situation?							
24.	listen to others?							
25.	demonstrate a sense of who they are and what is important to them?							
26.	recognize others' emotions?							
27.	speak positively about their future potential?							
28.	stand up for a friend or classmate?							
29.	work to develop their personal strengths?							
30.	persist to achieve a goal?							
31.	do the right thing in a difficult situation?							
32.	explain what caused their emotions?							
33.	make others feel welcome or included?							
34.	express high expectations for themselves?							
35.	cooperate with others to solve a problem?							
36.	accept responsibility for their actions?							
37.	stay calm when faced with a challenge?							
38.	resolve conflicts positively?							
39.	contribute to group or team goals?							
40.	believe they can achieve their goals?							
Recommendations								

