

Civic Engagement Scale

OVERVIEW

- This scale measures individual's attitudes and behaviors that have been affected by a service-learning experience.

SUBSCALES

- **Attitudes**
 - » I believe I should make a difference in my community
- **Behaviors**
 - » I stay informed of events in my community

STEPPING UP THEME(S) & OUTCOME(S)

- **Civic Engagement & Youth Leadership**
 - » Youth are engaged in their communities
 - » Youth leverage their assets to address social issues

TARGET POPULATION

- General population
 - » Has been validated with youth 17 years of age and older

LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- 14 items
- 7-point scale:
 - Attitudes: 1 (disagree) to 7 (agree)
 - Behaviors: 1 (never) to 7 (always)
- Self-report, paper-pencil version
- Available in: English

DEVELOPER

- Doolittle & Faul, 2013

PSYCHOMETRICS

- **Reliability**
 - High reliability (internal consistency $\alpha = .80-.91$)
- **Validity**
 - Construct validity
 - Content Validity

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Attitudes.

In this section, there are eight statements that are designed to measure an individual's civic attitudes. For the purpose of this study, civic attitudes have been defined as the personal beliefs and feelings that individuals have about their own involvement in their community and their perceived ability to make a difference in that community.

Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Disagree				Agree			
1. I feel responsible for my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2. I believe I should make a difference in my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3. I believe that I have a responsibility to help the poor and the hungry	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
4. I am committed to serve in my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
5. I believe that all citizens have a responsibility to their community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6. I believe that it is important to be informed of community issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
7. I believe that it is important to volunteer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8. I believe that it is important to financially support charitable organizations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

Behaviors.

In this section, there are six statements that are designed to measure the behaviors that indicate a level of civic engagement. Civic behaviors have been defined as the actions that one takes to actively attempt to engage and make a difference in his or her community.

Please indicate the level to which you have participated on a scale from never to always.

	Never				Always			
1. I am involved in structured volunteer position(s) in the community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2. When working with others, I make positive changes in the community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3. I help members of my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
4. I stay informed of events in my community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
5. I participate in discussions that raise issues of social responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6. I contribute to charitable organizations within the community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	