

The Necessities Index

A tool for measuring the material and social conditions essential for adolescents to thrive



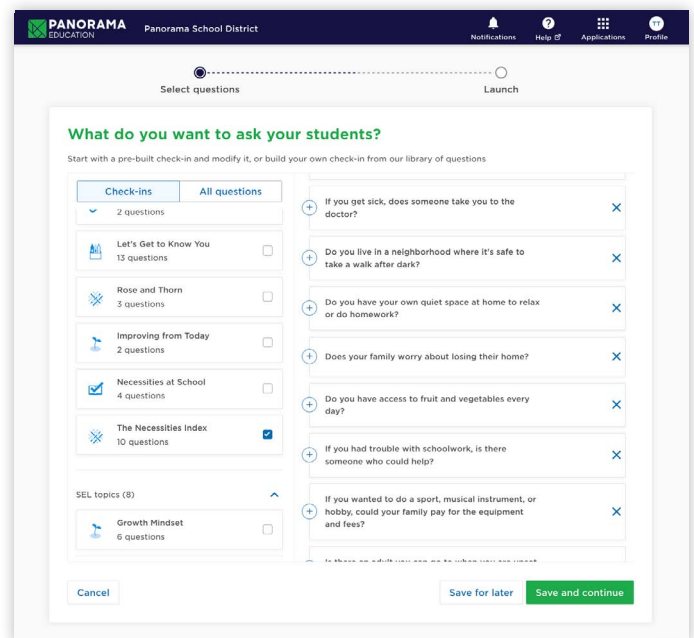
Survey students with the Necessities Index, now available in Panorama Check-ins to gain a nuanced understanding of students' social and material needs. The questions give educators insight into important issues that affect student learning, such as transportation, safety, academic support, and extracurricular opportunities.

This 10-item scale was developed by Dr. Angela Duckworth and her team at the University of Pennsylvania to address the need for a valid self-report measure that goes beyond typical demographic data.

Elevate the social and material needs of your students

Students answer questions about social and material necessities like:

- **Transportation:** Do you have a reliable way to get to places, like stores and appointments?
- **Safety:** Do you live in a neighborhood where it's safe to walk after dark?
- **Academic support:** If you had trouble with schoolwork, is there someone who could help?
- **Extracurriculars:** If you wanted to do a sport, musical instrument, or hobby, could your family pay for the equipment and fees?
- **Nutrition, Housing, Social Support, and more**



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