

Seeking Elementary Schools to Pilot Test the ESSY Whole Child Screener in the 25-26 SY



The **Expanding Screening to Support Youth (ESSY) Whole Child Screener** is designed to provide information about the whole child by assessing both within-child and contextual domains that can affect a student's school life. The ESSY Whole Child Screener uses a multiple-gated approach to try and make screening more efficient. This means that teachers first rate one item in each key area for every student, then rate additional items only in areas where there might be concerns for specific students.

ACADEMIC SKILLS



ATTENDANCE



BEHAVIOR



PHYSICAL HEALTH



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



SUPPORTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



Over the first three years of our project, we engaged students, teachers, family caregivers & advisors to collaboratively develop the ESSY measure and data report. Now we need to test the fully developed measure with a small number of schools.

Specifically, we are looking for elementary buildings interested in using the ESSY Whole Child Screener as they conduct universal screening for students in grades 3-5 over the 2025-26 school year.

For a school to participate, we are asking that:

- 3rd, 4th, 5th grade teachers complete the ESSY Whole Child Screener for each of their students, once in Fall 2025 and again in Spring 2026
- Participating teachers provide basic information about themselves (e.g., years teaching, grade level), and share their thoughts on usability of the screener
- School staff provide de-identified demographic information and educational data for those students involved in the screening

If you choose to participate, Project ESSY will provide:

- Schools with all family informational letters, training in administration, and student-level data reports (including interpretation guidance)
- Each participating building with \$800 to defray the costs related to administrative data assistance
- Each participating teacher with a \$25 gift card each time (fall, spring) that they complete the ESSY Screener for their class