

Social Emotional Learning – PSA 2022 DESSA Results Summary

Aperture Education-DESSA

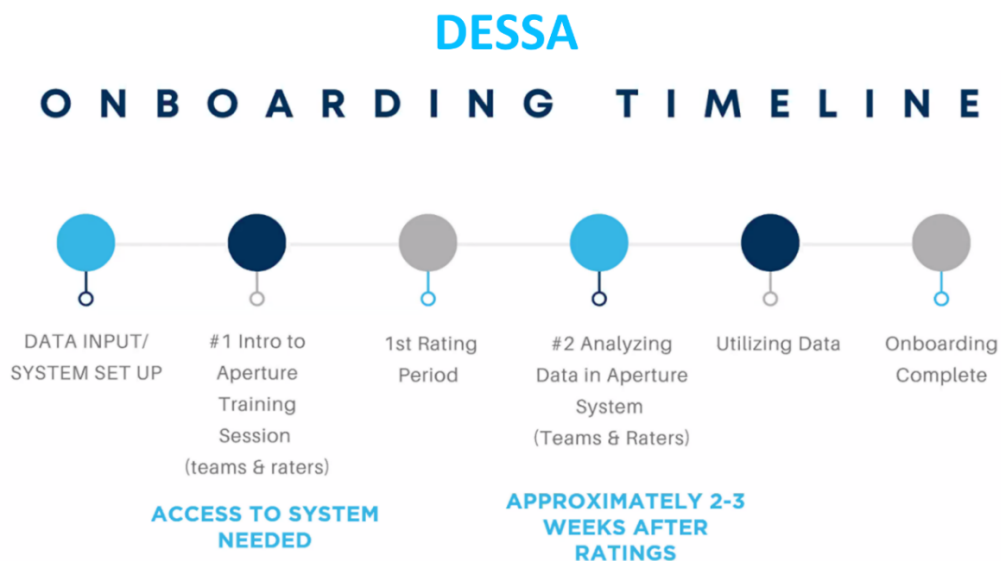
Aperture Education’s mission is to ensure that all members of school and out-of-school-time communities, both children and adults, have the social emotional skills to be successful, productive, and happy.

Strength-Based Social Emotional Learning System is deployed to support increased instruction time, reduce behavior infractions, and improve academic outcomes for students with social emotional learning. SEL assessments for K-8 are nationally normed and psychometrically sound to provide districts and programs with the most reliable, actionable data possible. The data can be used to inform instruction and drive decisions with powerful data from these CASEL-aligned DESSA assessments.

Tools and Implementation

DESSA-mini universal screener, DESSA Assessment, and training for observations and how to complete the screener and assessment are provided. These screeners and assessments will identify specific strengths and growth areas for scholars, to create growth implementation plans for each scholar. Aperture provides resources and activities that align with CASEL competencies to help each child grow, to then do a post evaluative assessment towards the end of program to see growth. These resources can be used to implement the growth goals for scholars in their SEL skills.

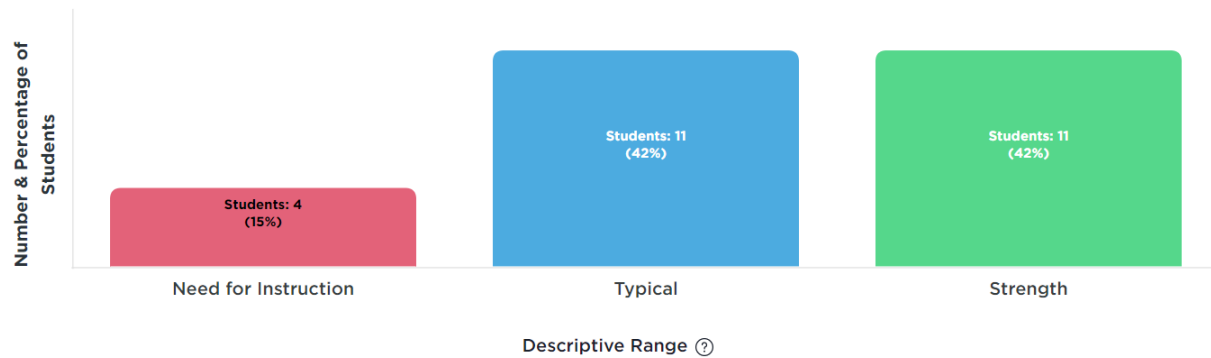
The onboarding of the DESSA tools includes training and observation, and goal setting and implementation of resources to help scholars grow in SEL skills. Strategies are implemented and aligned to the growth goals to build SEL skills among scholars. Observations and completion of the 2nd round of screeners and assessments are implemented at program’s end.



Scores on the DESSA assessments are reported in the following ranges:

- **Strength range:** T-score of 60 and above
- **Typical range:** T-score of 41 to 59
- **Need for Instruction range:** T-score of 40 or below

This Table shares the amount of scholars per descriptive range based on T-Scores.



This table shares the % of Scholars of their DESSA T-Score Range for each of the SEL Competencies.

