

What is the DESSA-mini?

The Devereaux Student Strengths Assessment- Mini (DESSA-mini) is a brief version of the full Devereaux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) intended to serve as a universal screener of social and emotional competencies.

The survey was developed in 2009 and updated in 2011 by Paul LeBuffe, Valerie Shapiro, and Jack Naglieri. It is intended for grades K-8. The DESSA-mini contains 8 questions that are completed by the teacher about a student's social-emotional competencies.

Scoring for the measure is done by hand and results in a Social & Emotional Total (SET) score. This score will fit in one of 3 categories: "Strength," "Typical," and "Need." Information about the technical quality of the assessment may be found on the RAND Education and Labor Site. Please feel free to access this information using this QR code:

