

# A Tool For Assessing Community Involvement

Self-study for school staff and families

Adapted from "A Tool for Program Assessment," Our Roots, Our Future: Affirming Culture & Language in After School & Youth Programs, A *California Tomorrow* Resource

*The purpose of this tool is to help you assess your program's efforts to value cultural and linguistic diversity, and to encourage respect for differences among your participants, staff, families, and community. You are encouraged to use it as a basis for dialogue and to identify areas for further inquiry and program development.*

**Circle your response:**

**Y=Yes**

**N=No**

**S=Sometimes**

**DK=Don't Know**

**NA=Not Applicable**

1. Our school identifies and incorporates the expertise of parents, guardians, and community organizations to develop and assist with culturally appropriate and cross-culturally enriching activities.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

2. Our school's decision-making involves families and community members in culturally and linguistically appropriate ways.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

3. Our school draws upon the resources of other culturally and linguistically sensitive organizations to support the needs of our students.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

4. Our outreach efforts, including brochures, flyers and presentations, are shared with our community.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

5. Our advisory committee includes youth, parents and community members, and is representative of the cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the students.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

6. We seek feedback from our community about programs, student behaviors and contributions to the community.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

7. Community resources have been identified and categorized; contacts have been made.

**Y**

**N**

**S**

**DK**

**NA**

8. We provide multiple opportunities for the community to participate in school activities.  
**Y**                      **N**                      **S**                      **DK**                      **NA**

9. Our school's mission statement includes a conscious commitment to involve the community in our school.  
**Y**                      **N**                      **S**                      **DK**                      **NA**

10. Our community respects and values our school.  
**Y**                      **N**                      **S**                      **DK**                      **NA**

*Given your responses, circle the word that best describes your assessment of community involvement at our school.*

**Strong**      **Okay**      **Needs Attention**      **Urgent Action Needed**      **Need More Info**



