

# Students' Life Satisfaction Scale (SLSS)



The Students' Life Satisfaction Scale measures students' satisfaction with life independently from other domains. The SLSS includes seven self-report statements which students answer on a 6-point scale from *strongly disagree* to *strongly agree*. It's designed specifically for students 8 to 18 years old. This measurement tool is free for school use and requires only a citation for use in any publication. A study of over 600 third to sixth graders found that "the SLSS does not appear to display differential psychometric properties as a function of a child's race, at least with respect to black and white elementary school age children" (Huebner, 1995, pp. 320-321). Similarly, "satisfaction scores did not differ as a function of age, grade, or gender," which further supports this tool's reliability (Huebner, 1991).

**Pros for Schools**

**Cons for Schools**

Easy and fast to administer  
Strong validity & reliability  
Combined with life satisfaction and gratitude measures, provides a 3-pronged chronological view of wellbeing: gratitude as past oriented, life satisfaction as present oriented, and hope as future oriented.

Provides little information about school-specific variables.

## **Suggestions for Further Research**

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