

# My Class Inventory-Short Form (MCI-SF)



The My Class Inventory-Short Form asks students 25 yes or no questions about five domains of their classroom environment: friction, competitiveness, satisfaction, difficulty, and cohesion. It was designed for elementary school students and tested in schools across Australia. A study done with 2,800 upper elementary students in the United States improved this form by creating an 18-item measure that was found to be more reliable than the original version. This shorter form measures friction, competitiveness, satisfaction, and cohesion. Both measures are scored the same way: A *yes* response is 3 points, a *no* is 1 point, and an invalid response is scored as 2. Some items are reverse scored and marked with an *R*. The inventory requires only a citation for use.

## Pros for Schools

2 versions  
Simple scoring  
Can be combined with the teacher version to allow a broader view of culture

## Cons for Schools

Limited responses as each item is answered with yes or no

## Suggestions for Further Research

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