



# YOUTH VOICE & SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE IN THE MIDDLE GRADES

## TOOLKIT OVERVIEW

### FOUR COMPONENTS

#### (1) Rationale Statement

This intro to the toolkit helps readers understand:

- What youth voice is
- The importance of the youth voice for promoting adolescent development and their budding capabilities
- How youth voice can impact school climate and culture

#### (2) Questionnaire (forthcoming)

As a starting place, take a moment to engage with the questionnaire to assess the extent to which your current values, beliefs, and practices align to create a space for youth voice to shape school climate and culture.

#### (3) Inspirational Schools

Read about exemplary schools and organizations that illustrate the power of incorporating youth voice, and specifically how youth voice can positively impact school climate and culture.

#### (4) Resource Bank

To promote positive school climate and culture, refer to this list of prompts and resources to advocate for and support the implementation of youth voice practices in schools.