Research shows that strong personal skills help students succeed in school, at work, and throughout life. And there is also evidence that these personal skills can be easier to improve than academic ones.

But to help our students with their personal skills, we need to understand where they stand today. ACT® Tessera® measures the personal skills of 6th—12th grade students to identify their strengths and areas where we can help them improve.

“Why is your child taking ACT Tessera®?”

Eve Rifkin
Director of College Access
City High School, Tucson AZ

This [ACT® Tessera®] assessment may be the most important thing we do to prepare them for, not just high school graduation, but college completion.”
What is ACT Tessera?

This easy-to-use assessment measures your child in:

**SIX IMPORTANT AREAS**

- Grit
- Teamwork
- Resilience
- Leadership
- Curiosity
- School Climate

What types of questions will your child experience?
Tessera uses three different techniques to make sure the results are reliable:

1. **Self-report rating scales**: Students rate a series of statements.

2. **Situational judgment test items**: Students are given several scenarios and possible responses that reflect everyday school life, then asked to rate how likely they are to respond as described.

3. **Forced choice items**: Students are shown several statements and asked to select those that are “most like me” and “least like me.”

Does my child need to do anything to prepare for the ACT Tessera?
Absolutely no special preparation is required. There are no right or wrong answers.

How will my child benefit?
Your child will receive an easy-to-understand report on the ACT Tessera results. It will also include recommended resources and strategies that your child’s teacher can use for ongoing personal skill-building to better prepare your child for success now and in the future.

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