

# A RESEARCH STUDY OF THE CORRELATION BETWEEN STUDENT SELF-ADVOCACY AND POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS

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## Facts about the study

- Co-teach class
  - This type of classroom serves students with IEPs and receiving special education and students that do not.
- English 1
- 9th grade
- Diploma Track Students
- Lessons 1-4 taught during intervention
- Pre and post assessment were kept the same

## Results

The whole group had an average of 4.7% statements marked as don't know per student on the pretest. The whole group had an average of 1.39% marked as don't know on the whole posttest, with an overall gain of 75%. The highest score on the pretest was a 0/23 don't knows and the lowest score on the pretest was a 11/23 don't knows. All of the students made improvements on the whole assessment from the pretest to the posttest.

## Rationale

- This project incorporated ideas of a previous study that examined the effects of self-advocacy and conflict resolution training modules on the ability of four high school seniors with mild disabilities to ask for their accommodations (Holzberg, et al., 2019).
- The survey I will be using: Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy Checklist, from the transition planning inventory, will be used for the pre and post assessment to measure the increase from student indicated don't knows to yes.
- District mandated curriculum: Social emotional learning, includes topics related to self-advocacy
- Studies have shown the importance of self-advocacy skills in relation to postsecondary and workplace success.

## Pre and Post Assessment Survey



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy Checklist

How well do you know yourself? How well do you know what you like or prefer for yourself? How well do you know what you value as important in your life and how those values affect your decisions? How well can you tell others about yourself—your strengths and weaknesses? How well can you tell others how they can be supportive and helpful to you when you need help? How well can you look at your life and make changes when you see things you want to change?

The checklist below will help you know yourself better in these areas. Answer as honestly as you can. If you don't know, you may say that you don't know by checking DK.

Descriptions of Me	School		Home/Community		DK
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
I can describe my strengths.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can describe my weaknesses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can explain my disability label.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can explain what I need from special education services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can explain how I learn best.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can explain what does not help in learning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know my interests.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know my values.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can ask for help without getting upset.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can state what I want to learn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can state what I want to do when I graduate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can state my rights as a person with a disability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I speak confidently and with eye contact when talking with others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can tell teachers or work supervisors what I need to be able to do my work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how to look for support or help.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how to set goals for myself.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how to get information to make decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can solve problems that come up in my life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can develop a plan of action for goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can begin my work on time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can stay on a work schedule or time plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can work independently.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can manage my time to stay on tasks until they are done.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can compare my work to a standard and evaluate its quality.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can tell when my plan of action is working or not.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can change goals or my plan of action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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