

Behavioral and Emotional Screening System:

Atlanta Public Schools is committed to creating a culture of student support and supporting the needs of the whole child. One way we are addressing the whole child is by identifying student strengths and areas for growth relative to social, emotional, and behavioral well-being. In our continuing efforts to support the well-being of all students, we will be administering a universal screener of social, emotional & behavioral health.

We acknowledge the importance of parent input into this screening process, therefore between September 19th and October 7th parents of students in grades Pk-12 can visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/67035> to complete a brief rating scale about their student(s). Parents will need their scholar's Student ID in order to completed the form. Student ID numbers can be located in Parent Portal or parents can reach out to their scholar's homeroom teacher. Together with teacher and student (grades 3-5) input, this information helps us to understand the needs of all students, and to make effective plans to support those needs at the school, classroom, and individual levels.

The universal screener that was chosen by the District to help identify student strengths and areas for growth is the BASC-3 BESS (Behavior and Emotional Screening Scale). The screener will be administered during the Spring semester (Sept 19 – Oct. 7) to help support students and promote their social emotional well-being.

If you would like more information about the universal screener, or if you would like to review frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the screener please visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/67035>.