

DESSA: Devereux Student Strengths Assessment & Full Profile Review

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Name of the measure

DESSA: Devereux Student Strengths Assessment &

Author(s) / Publisher(s)

- English original (US):

<https://www.hogrefe.co.uk/shop/devereux-student-strengths-assessment.html>

Author: Paul A. LeBuffe, Valerie B. Shapiro & Jack A. Naglieri.

Publisher: Psychological Assessment Resources (PAR)

- Dutch translation (NL): <https://www.hogrefe.com/nl/shop/tests/klinische-diagnostiek/emotieregulatie/dessa-vragenlijst-over-sociaal-emotionele-competenties.html>

Author: S. Pont, & D.-J. Punt.

Publisher: Hogrefe Uitgevers

- Italian translation (IT): <https://www.hogrefe.it/it/catalogo/test/bambini-e-adolescenti/dessa-devereux-student-strengths-assessment/>

Author: I. Ardizzone, R. Ranaldi, F. Santoro, S. Galosi.

Publisher: Hogrefe Editore

Age Range

3-7 years

Age Range Information

5 - 14 years

SEL Skills targeted

Responsible decision-making, Relationship skills, Social awareness, Self-awareness, Self-management

Scales and Subscales

Self-Awareness (7 items)

Social-Awareness (9 items)

Self-Management (11 items)

Goal-Directed Behaviour (10 items)

Relationship Skills (10 items)

Personal Responsibility (10 items)

Decision Making (8 items)

Optimistic Thinking (7 items)

72 items in total.

The DESSA-mini has sample items from the scales: Self-Awareness, Social-Awareness, Self-Management, Goal-Directed Behaviour, Relationship Skills, Personal Responsibility, Decision-Making, Optimistic Thinking.

32 items in total.

Sources of information

Parent, Teacher

Formats for administration

Direct assessment

Administration

Individual

10 minutes

Scoring

Manual, Electronic

Psychometric Properties

Psychometric properties for the original version:

Reliability: 0.82 – 0.99 (α); test-retest 0.79 – 0.94; interrater 0.63 – 0.84.

Validity: criterion-related: d-ratios 0.83 – 1.36; with BERS-2: 0.80; with BASC-2: -0.64 – 0.92.

The psychometric properties for the Dutch adaptation are: Reliability for the scales between 0.78-0.90. Reliability for the total score 0.97

Training

Test user accreditation; relevant qualifications/experience.

Strengths and Weaknesses

“An extremely well-developed assessment tool, very strong in terms of psychometric properties and standardisation procedures.” Susana Castro - Senior Lecturer in Education Studies, Roehampton University

Multiple informants, wide range of scales, short administration time

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