

Beyond Surveys: Exploring Alternative Assessment Methods
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If you want to collect evidence on...	Consider using...
Knowledge, understanding, or skill in application and analysis (KNOW)	Quiz/test, poster, paper/essay or concept map
Skills or behaviors (DO)	Performance rubric, observation check list or behavior tracking
Attitudes, dispositions, beliefs or habits of mind (VALUE)	Reflective writing, focus groups, interview or surveys
Satisfaction or perceptions	Surveys, focus groups, or interviews
Usage or levels of participation	Tracking data

Your Turn

Outcome: *Students will be able to articulate the steps of ethical decision making*

In groups of 3,

- How will you know if the students meet the outcome? What evidence is needed? How can the students demonstrate they met the outcome?

- List the evidence collection methods you could use.

- Choose the best method

- Be ready to share

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Worksheet

1. List one outcome you would like to examine.

2. What evidence would convince you the outcome is met?

3. Is evidence already available? Where/when you could collect the evidence? (Refer to your Outcomes Map)

4. Brainstorm. List all the ways you can collect evidence. Circle the best-choice method.

5. Will the evidence collection method produce actionable information?
 - No (if No, go back to #4)
 - Yes, explain how the findings can be used

6. Is the evidence collection method realistic in terms of resources and logistics?
 - Yes
 - No (if No, go back to #4)