

I am often asked about the validity and reliability of products that are used in the Weld County High School Diploma Program. One product, the Professional Dynametric Program, is of special interest to many people because of its effectiveness. Here are some short testimonials that relate to queries about the survey.

The initials PDP are synonymous with "awesome, righteous, and rad" with the at-risk students that attend our alternative high school. The information it provides is invaluable to the career planning class that the students take. It's "way cool."

At-risk students are skeptics. They don't trust adults, education, and often themselves. The simplicity and reliability of the PDP survey has provided an avenue of communication between the student and teachers in our alternative high school. They trust the information and that has helped to erase the skepticism.

Teaching at-risk youth is a challenge. Teaching without understanding the 'basic natural self' of an individual is often impossible. The PDP survey provides an invaluable framework for communicating and teaching these youth.

The PDP has provided our alternative high school with a "profile" of a successful student. Having an understanding of the type of student who has the potential to be successful in the school's self-paced, competency based learning environment is wonderful.

After fifteen years of teaching experience, I can't imagine instructing at-risk youth without the knowledge the PDP provides. It has made learning enjoyable for both the students and me.

When was the last time you heard about an at-risk teenager taking something home to share with their parents? I'm amazed at the number of students that tell me the PDP was so "right on" that they wanted their parents to know about it. One student told me that "he and his mom talk to each other better now" because he shared the PDP report with her.

The PDP has been an invaluable tool for the teachers and students in the High School Diploma Program. I would recommend it to anyone in education or business.

Sincerely,

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