



WHAT IS STUDENT VOICE?



"...Student voice is when anyone can have a say about what goes on at their school. It doesn't have to be someone with a formal leadership role; it can be any student with any idea..."

Year 8 student

Student voice broadly means students having a say: informing teachers and others about what they think about their learning and school. It also involve being heard and listened to.

But student voice can mean more than this: it also means students being part of the decision making processes affecting their learning and taking action to make changes in their education." This builds on the basic idea of student voice and is also called **student agency**.

Student voice also involves students working collaboratively with others to improve schools and the education system. This builds on both student voice and agency and can be referred to as **student participation**.

Discuss what Student Voice means in your school with your Student Representative Team, teachers and school leadership. Try to find a meaning that everyone feels happy with.

STUDENT VOICE

"Having a say," being heard and listened to.

STUDENT AGENCY

Taking action, learning actively; creating change.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Taking part in shared decision-making with others.