

# Problem Identification Worksheet



Youth Activation combines the ingenuity of youth with the expertise of adults to tackle challenges in the school and community. Before change can occur, you'll need to begin identifying the challenge(s) or problem area(s) that need addressing.

**Directions:** With your full Youth Activation team, complete the questions below. Consult with your school district, as necessary, to align your answers with district-supported initiatives. As always, ensure students are active members of the conversation to gain a full understanding of the issue.

Name of School/School District:			
What is a problem area or challenge?		How do you define it?	Where does the data say you are currently?
What needs to change?		How would you explain it so people outside your district are clearer on what the problem is?	Where are you now with this challenge?
Example	Attendance. We need to increase student attendance in our schools.	Students are coming to school but not staying for the entire day. Sometimes, they don't come to school. Students need to be at school at least 6 out of 7 periods of the school day and reduce unexcused absences.	From PowerSchool last school year, the average attendance in the high schools was 78%. Across the board, the lowest rates were from ninth (76%) and tenth (66%) graders.
Your Challenge 1			
Challenge 2 (optional)			