The School’s Out New York City (SONYC) Youth Leadership Development Survey measures a young person’s perception of his or her attitudes and skills related to youth leadership development. The survey is for youth in middle school, between the ages of 10 and 14.

The Youth Leadership Development Survey aligns with the SONYC framework for youth leadership development (Figure 1). The survey includes items in three categories: Inner/Self Characteristics, Communication Skills, and Collaboration With Others. Within these three categories, there are 11 subcategories that help to define youth leadership attitudes and skills for middle schoolers. The categories and subcategories are presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1. DYCD Youth Leadership Development Framework Attitude and Skill Categories and Subcategories

The survey results can be used to describe youth leadership development at the program level. It can also be used to inform practice at the activity or program level.

The survey is not designed to be used as a pre/post measure or as a diagnostic tool. Finally, the survey is designed as a self-report measure for middle school youth – it is not intended as an adult report of youth attitudes or skills.