

# ASSESSMENT AND MOTIVATION: THE PERSPECTIVES OF STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

## RESEARCH BRIEF

As part of ACME's research interests looking at assessment and motivation, we wanted to get the perspectives from students with Dyslexia as they often experience challenges with assessments in classrooms. We asked 100 students about their experiences. Thank you to all of our participants! Some preliminary results are presented here.

### **Self-Determination Theory and Assessment**

According to Self Determination Theory (SDT; Deci & Ryan, 2012), there are three basic psychological needs that environments should support. These needs are:

- Autonomy Feeling in control or in charge.
- Relatedness Feeling connected to others.
- Competence Feeling capable when it comes to tasks.



#### Classroom Assessment Practices Are Fair To Students

Students felt more

grades when their

needs were met.

successful and reported higher



#### Assessment in the Classroom and Student Emotions

Agreed that they get ANXIOUS about assessments in their courses.

68%

Agreed that they ENJOY working on assessments for their courses.



Please check our website <u>here</u> as more information on this project becomes available. Report prepared by Lauren Goegan (June 2021)