

**Presentation**

What makes a difference? How measuring non-academic outcomes can help guide school practice

**Presenter**

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**Professor Jennifer Fredriks's** research focuses on extracurricular participation, positive youth development, school engagement, youth sports, and motivation. She is interested in how to create school and out-of-school contexts that optimize positive academic and psychological outcomes for children and adolescents living in diverse environments.

Fredriks has been involved in three large scale longitudinal survey studies of child and adolescent development, in a large scale study of children's engagement and achievement in urban high poverty neighborhoods, and in an interview study of youth attending six local school based Boys and Girls Clubs. She has received grants from the American Educational Research Association and the Institute for Educational Studies to support this work.

She is also involved in policy efforts to increase athletic opportunities in both school and out of school time for girls and low-income youth.