Idaho Middle School Student Engagement Survey

This is a survey that will help your school understand how you feel about the time you spend in class and at school. There are no right or wrong answers—this is not a test! It will take you about 15-20 minutes to finish the survey. Please read each item carefully and check the answer that most closely matches the way you feel. Your answers will not be shared with your teachers or family.

Enter Idaho State Student ID Number on the line below. This is a 9-digit number. If you do not know your student ID number, please ask your teacher.

Questions

1. When I’m in class...
   o I work as hard as I can.
   o I just act like I’m working.
   o I get excited about what I’ll learn next.
   o my mind wanders.
   o I don’t do my work.

2. If the classwork is hard to do, I...
   o work harder.
   o try my very best.
   o get nervous and scared.
   o don’t do the work.
   o realize I need to be a better thinker and not just memorize the information.

3. Doing the same type of activity every day...
   o lets me know what to expect.
   o does not give me opportunities to be a leader.
   o keeps me out of trouble.
   o is boring.
   o keeps me on task.
4. Participating in before or after school clubs is...
   - something I do because my teacher, parents, or friends expect me to do so.
   - something I do when it is strongly encouraged.
   - something I look forward to doing.
   - not interesting to me, so I do not participate.
   - another way I feel connected to the school.

5. When I use technology to learn, I...
   - am very focused on the activity.
   - finish the activity.
   - easily get distracted.
   - am somewhat focused on the activity.
   - try harder to exceed my teacher’s expectations.

6. The rules at my school...
   - let me know what I can do.
   - make me want to stay home.
   - help me to be a better student.
   - are ones that I do not follow.
   - keep me from making bad choices.

7. Which response best describes how you see yourself as a student?
   - I participate in activities to get good grades.
   - The activities don’t really interest me, but I keep myself busy during class.
   - I enjoy learning with my peers and from my teachers.
   - I work outside of the classroom to help me learn more about my lessons.
   - I only participate if my teacher makes me.

8. Which statement do you agree with the most?
   - I seek learning activities that make me think.
   - I use vocabulary words in class when it is required.
   - I complete the activities so I can help others.
   - Sometimes I don’t know why I have to do the activity.
   - I don’t think what I’m learning connects to real life.

9. How do you use the information you learn in class?
   - I talk with friends and family about what I learn in class.
   - I use information from some classes to help in other classes.
   - I use information when I am trying to impress the teacher.
   - I never use the information we go over in class.
   - The information we go over in class is not important to me.

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10. How do you study for a test?
   - I participate in study groups outside of school.
   - I memorize only the facts and information I need for a test.
   - I look over my notes right before the test.
   - I study my notes after class every day.
   - I don’t study for a test.

11. When I don’t understand something...
   - I talk with other students outside of class so they can help me.
   - I try to figure it out on my own.
   - I move on to what I do understand.
   - I ask my teacher for help during class.
   - I don’t worry about it.

12. My classes are teaching me skills that...
   - help me think about things differently.
   - help me do my homework.
   - I need to know to get a good grade.
   - I will never use in real life.
   - I do not want to learn.

13. The activities I do in class...
   - connect to what interest me.
   - are hard for me to finish, but my teachers expect me to.
   - are not always fun, but I have to participate.
   - are boring and do not apply to me.
   - are things I wish we did not have to do.

14. How do you feel when you say something in front of the class?
   - I feel good if my teacher likes it.
   - I feel comfortable if my opinion is the same as my friends.
   - I feel like my opinion matters.
   - No one cares if I talk.
   - I’ve learned that it is better to be quiet.

15. Which response best describes how you feel at the end of the school day?
   - I feel like it is another day that I went to school.
   - I can’t wait to be at school tomorrow.
   - I want to talk about what I learned.
   - I count the days until the year is over.
   - I feel like I want the day to go faster.
16. Which of the following statements best describes your relationship with your teachers?
   - I know I can talk to my teachers about anything.
   - It’s obvious my teachers care about me.
   - I don’t think my teachers care if I learn.
   - I don’t talk to my teachers very much.
   - I only talk to my teachers when I have questions about my work.

17. What do you enjoy most about your school?
   - When I use technology.
   - There’s not much I enjoy.
   - I enjoy lunch and PE.
   - I don’t have to work very hard.
   - Being with friends.

18. When I think about my school work...
   - I feel that it has meaning and purpose.
   - I am proud of the work I do.
   - I do it to please others.
   - I think about how boring it is.
   - I think I am going to fail.

19. Having personal learning goals...
   - motivates me to do my best.
   - is something I have to have.
   - is not something I am interested in right now.
   - keeps me on task.
   - makes me want to achieve more than what is required.

20. Success to me is...
   - when I have met the requirements of the class.
   - when I haven’t disappointed my teacher.
   - a feeling I don’t have very often.
   - when I exceed my teacher’s expectations.
   - never giving up.