Student Engagement Survey – High School

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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.

1. During class…

   it is easy for me to stay on task.
   I stay on task like my teacher expects.
   I get so involved in the learning that I lose track of time.
   my mind wanders.
   I avoid doing the work as much as I can.
   I pay some attention to what is going on.

2. If a student is being picked on, I...

   tell someone what I saw if I am asked about it.
   report what I saw to an adult.
   wait for someone else to step in and stop the situation.
   try to help the person.
   let someone else deal with the situation.
   intervene if it won't cause problems for me.

3. If the classwork is hard to do, I...

   stay focused on what I am supposed to do.
   strive to do my best.
   get nervous and scared.
   don't do the work.
   see this as an opportunity to push myself.
   ask the teacher if I am doing it correctly.

4. Following class routines...

   keep me on task.
   help prepare me for work and/or college.
   are something I do when I feel like it.
are something I do for a little while, then stop.
let me know how long activities will last.
helps me prepare for what to expect next in class.

5. When I work in a group, I…
am most active when evaluated by others.
talk only when asked a question.
make sure everyone is involved.
do not participate.
do more than my share of the work.
let others do the work.

6. When an assignment is given, I…

focus on the work.
put in the effort depending on how big the assignment is.
get easily distracted.
follow the directions that are given.
try harder to exceed my teacher's expectations.
do activities that aren't what my teacher told me to.

7. School rules...

help me make good choices.
make me want to stay home.
allow me to show others how to respect our school.
do not apply to me.
let me know what I can do.
help me to be a good student.

8. 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 keep me busy during class.
I prefer learning with my peers and from my teachers.
What I learn in the classroom sparks my curiosity to further explore ideas and concepts.
I only participate if my teacher makes me.
I pretend I am doing my work.

9. When I am in class, I…

seek learning activities that make me think.
learn what is needed to get my work done.
relate what I am learning to how it will help me in the future.
start the work and then find something else to do.
avoid assignments that make me work hard.
complete the work the way my teacher likes it done.

10. Having personal learning goals…
motivate me to do my best.
are something I have to use.
do not help me so I do not use them.
keep me on task.
make me want to achieve more than what is required.
make me want to give up trying.

11. To prepare for a test, I…

participate in study groups outside of class time.
memorize only the facts and information I need for a good grade.
study right before the test.
study every day after class.
pretend to study.
do not study.

12. When I don't understand something, I…

talk with other students outside of class so they can help me.
ask my teacher for extra help.
move on to what I do understand.
try to figure it out on my own.
lose interest.
talk to my friends instead of paying attention.

13. The skills I am being taught…

show me how to think about things in a new way.
help me do my work.
help me get a good grade.
I will never use.
are things I do not care to use.
help me connect what I learn in different classes.

14. The class activities…

are interesting to me.
are hard for me to finish but my teachers expect me to.
are something I am supposed to do because I am the student.
are boring and do not apply to me.
are things I wish we did not have to do.
make me excited to apply what I learn to things outside of school.

15. How do you feel when you say something in front of the class?

Good, if my teacher likes it.
I feel comfortable if my opinion is the same as my classmates.
I feel like my opinion matters.
No one cares if I talk.
I will not talk in front of the whole class.
Important, because I am helping our class learn together.

16. Which response best describes how you feel at the end of the day?

   It is another day that I went to school.
   I can’t wait to learn tomorrow.
   I want to talk about what I learned.
   I count the days until the year is over.
   I wish I could skip tomorrow.
   I made other people proud.

17. Which statement best describes your relationship with your teachers?

   I know I can go to my teachers about anything.
   My teachers care about me.
   I feel like I am invisible to my teachers.
   I choose to talk to my teachers as little as possible.
   I only talk to my teachers when I have questions about my work.
   My teachers like me if I do my work and follow their rules.

18. What do you like most about your school?

   I am supported and get the help I need.
   There’s not much I enjoy.
   I get attention from teachers and friends.
   I know what is expected of me.
   I like having time to myself.
   I am able to make decisions about my classes that best meet my needs.

19. When I think about my school work, I...

   feel that it has meaning and purpose.
   am proud of the work I do.
   do it because it is assigned.
   remember how much I don’t like it.
   believe I am going to fail.
   know that I do it to please others.

20. When there is a school activity, I...

   go because I want to be there.
   show up if it is expected.
   tell my friends that we should do something else.
   go because it pleases my teachers.
   find ways to be a school leader.
   choose to do something else.

21. What makes you feel successful as a student?

   When I have met the requirements of the class.
   When my teacher says nice things to me.
I do not feel successful very often.
When I learn new things that I can apply to my life.
When I do not give up.
When school is over.