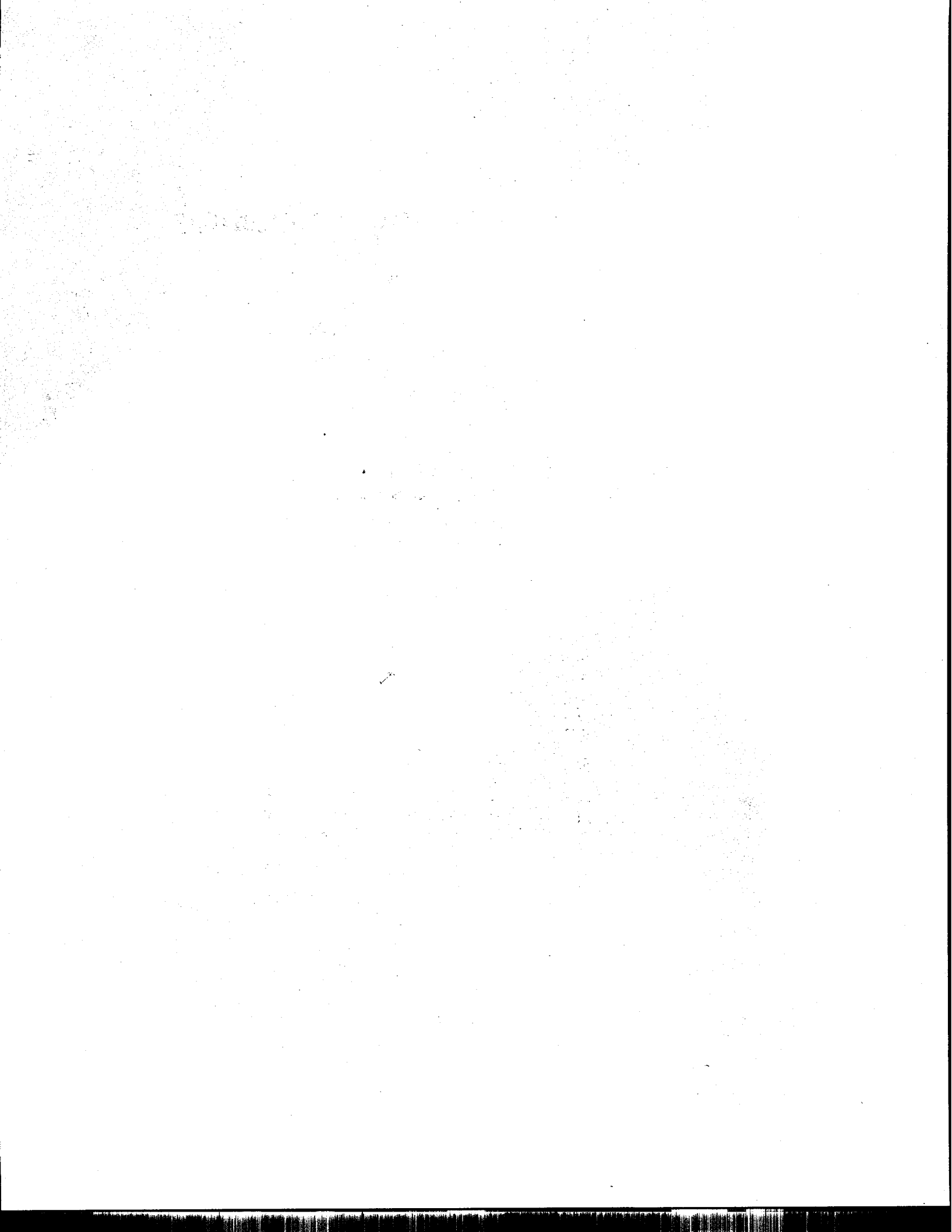


Appendix A

Student Questionnaire





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EIGHTH GRADE QUESTIONNAIRE

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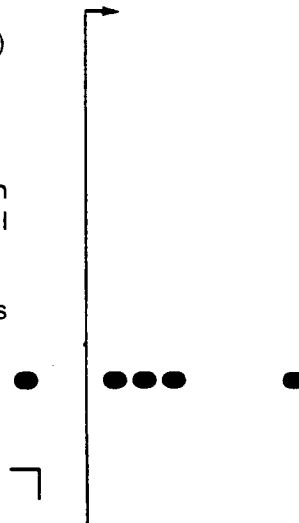
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As a matter of policy, the Center for Education Statistics is concerned with protecting the privacy of individuals who participate in voluntary surveys. We want to let you know that:

1. Section 406 of the General Education Provisions Act (20-USA 1221e-1) allows us to ask you the questions in this questionnaire.
2. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer.
3. We are asking you these questions in order to gather information about what happens to students as they move through high school and make decisions about postsecondary education and work.
4. Your responses will be merged with those of others, and the answers you give will never be identified as yours.



MARKING DIRECTIONS

- Use only a soft lead pencil (No. 2 is best).
- Make dark marks that fill the oval.
- Erase cleanly any answer you wish to change.
- Make no stray markings of any kind.

CORRECT MARKS



INCORRECT MARKS



EXAMPLE: 1. Will marks made with ballpoint or felt-tip pen be properly read?

Yes

No



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY.

It is important that you follow the directions for responding to each kind of question. These are:

A. (MARK ONE)

What is the color of your eyes?

(MARK ONE)

- Brown
- Blue
- Green ●
- Another color

If the color of your eyes is green, you would mark the oval to the right of green as shown.

B. (MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

Last week, did you do any of the following?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- See a play
- Go to a movie ●
- Attend a sporting event ●

If you went to a movie and attended a sporting event last week, you would mark the two ovals as shown.

C. (MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Do you plan to do any of the following next week?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>Not
Sure</u> | <u>No</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| a. Visit a relative | | | ● |
| b. Go to a museum | ● | | |
| c. Study at a friend's house | ● | | |

If you plan to study at a friend's house, are not sure about going to a museum next week, and do not plan to visit a relative, you would mark one oval on each line as shown.

D. (QUESTION WITH A SKIP)

a. Do you eat sweet foods?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes → GO TO b
- No → SKIP TO c

b. Do you brush your teeth after eating sweet foods?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes
- No

c. Last week, did you do any of the following?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- See a play
- Go to a movie
- Attend a sporting event

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS NOT A TEST. WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION, BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER.

PART 1 — YOUR BACKGROUND

1. Please print in your name, address, and telephone number.

08/ NAME:

Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Number Street

ADDRESS CONTINUED: _____
Apartment Number

City State ZIP Code

1A. Do you have a telephone number?
(MARK ONE)

Yes 1 → GO TO 1B ^{48/}
No 2 → SKIP TO Question 2

1B. What is your telephone number? ←

TELEPHONE: () _____
Area Code Telephone Number

2. Please print in the name of your mother or female guardian. (If you have both a mother and a female guardian, write in the name of the one with whom you are currently living.)

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MOTHER OR FEMALE GUARDIAN'S NAME:

Last First Middle

2A. Is your mother or female guardian living?
(MARK ONE)

Yes 1 → GO TO Question 3, Page 5 ^{58/}
No 2 → SKIP TO Question 5, Page 7

4. Please describe the present or most recent job of your mother or female guardian. (If you have both a mother and a female guardian, answer for the one with whom you are currently living.)

4A. Is she currently working, unemployed, retired, or disabled?

(MARK ONE)

- Currently working (including homemaker) 1
- Unemployed 2
- Retired 3
- Disabled 4

Now answer questions B, C, D, and E.

- If your mother or female guardian is unemployed, retired, or disabled, answer the following questions for her most recent job.
- Also, if your mother or female guardian works more than one job, please answer for the job you consider to be her major activity.

4B. What kind of work does she normally do? That is, what is the job called?

OCCUPATION: _____

4C. What does she actually do in that job? What are some of her main duties?

4D. Describe the place that she works. (for example, factory or fast-food restaurant):

4E. What does the company make or do?

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7. Please describe the present or most recent job of your father or male guardian. (If you have both a father and a male guardian, answer for the one with whom you are currently living.)

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7A. Is he currently working, unemployed, retired, or disabled?

(MARK ONE)

- Currently working (including homemaker) 1
- Unemployed 2
- Retired 3
- Disabled 4

Now answer questions 7B-E.

— If your father or male guardian is unemployed, retired, or disabled, answer the following questions for his most recent job.

— Also, if your father or male guardian works more than one job, please answer for the job you consider to be his major activity.

7B. What kind of work does he normally do? That is, what is the job called?

OCCUPATION: _____

7C. What does he actually do in that job? What are some of his main duties?

7D. Describe the place that he works. (for example, factory or fast-food restaurant):

7E. What does the company make or do?

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8. Which of the following people live in the same household with you?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 63/ a. Father 1
- b. Other male guardian (stepfather or foster father) 1
- c. Mother 1
- d. Other female guardian (stepmother or foster mother) 1
- e. Brother(s) (including step- or half-) 1
- f. Sister(s) (including step- or half-) 1
- g. Grandparent(s) 1
- h. Other relative(s) (children or adults) 1
- i. Non-relative(s) (children or adults) 1

The information in the next question will help us to get in touch with you in the future. This information will be kept in strict confidence and will only be used for survey purposes.

9. Please write in the name, address and telephone number of your family's closest relative or friend who does not live with you.

NAME:

Last 08/ First 29/ Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Number Street

ADDRESS CONTINUED: _____
Apartment Number

City 08/ State 29/ ZIP Code

9A. Does this person have a telephone?
(MARK ONE)

50/ Yes 1 → GO TO 9B 51/
No 2 → SKIP TO 9C

9B. What is this person's telephone number? ←

TELEPHONE: () _____
Area Code Telephone Number
55/

9C. Is this person a relative or a friend?
(MARK ONE)

Relative 1 63/
Friend 2

10. Do you have a nickname or another name which your friends, neighbors, or family call you?
(MARK ONE)

Yes 1 → GO TO 10A 64/
No 2 → SKIP TO Question 11

10A. If you answered yes, what is your nickname or other name? Please print below. ←

NICKNAME: _____

11. When were you born? ←

28/ [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
MONTH DAY YEAR

12. What is your sex?

(MARK ONE)

- 35/ Male 1 36/
- Female 2

13. What is the name of the high school that you expect to be attending in tenth grade?

37/

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME OF SCHOOL)

City _____ State _____

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14. Is it a public school, a private religious school, or a private non-religious school?

(MARK ONE)

- Public 1
- Private religious 2 53/
- Private non-religious 3
- Don't know 4

15. Is there another high school that you may go to instead?

(MARK ONE)

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- No 1 → SKIP TO Question 17, next page
- Yes 2 → If yes, what is the name of this school?

Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME OF SCHOOL)

City _____ State _____

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16. Is this a public school, a private religious school, or a private non-religious school?

(MARK ONE)

- Public 1
- Private religious 2 18/
- Private non-religious 3
- Don't know 4

PART 2 — YOUR LANGUAGE USE

The following questions are about the language or languages spoken by you and your family.

17. Before you started going to school, did you speak any language other than English?

(MARK ONE)

Yes → GO TO Question 18

No → SKIP TO Question 20

18. What was the first language you learned to speak when you were a child?

(MARK ONE)

English
 Spanish
 Chinese
 Japanese
 Korean
 A Filipino language
 Italian
 French
 German
 Greek
 Polish
 Portuguese
 Other (write-in below) →

19. What OTHER language did you begin to speak before you started going to school?

(MARK ONE)

I spoke no other language

I also spoke:

English
 Spanish
 Chinese
 Japanese
 Korean
 A Filipino language
 Italian
 French
 German
 Greek
 Polish
 Portuguese
 Other (write-in below) →

20. What language do you USUALLY speak NOW?

(MARK ONE)

English
 Spanish
 Chinese
 Japanese
 Korean
 A Filipino language
 Italian
 French
 German
 Greek
 Polish
 Portuguese
 Other (write-in below) →

21. Is any language other than English spoken in your home?

(MARK ONE)

Yes → GO TO Question 22. and answer the questions on the blue shaded pages before continuing with the rest of the questions.

No → Please SKIP TO Question 31 on Page 15

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ONLY IF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS SPOKEN IN YOUR HOME.

22. What language do the people in your home USUALLY speak? (MARK ONE)

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- A Filipino language
- Italian
- French
- German
- Greek
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Other (write-in below) ↴

23. What OTHER language is spoken in your home? (MARK ONE)

No other language is spoken

The other language spoken is:

- English
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- A Filipino language
- Italian
- French
- German
- Greek
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Other (write-in below) ↴

24. What language, other than English, do you currently use most often? (MARK ONE)

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- A Filipino language
- Italian
- French
- German
- Greek
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Not applicable: I use only English
- Other (write-in below) ↴

QUESTIONS 25 AND 26 ARE ABOUT THE USE OF THE LANGUAGE YOU ANSWERED IN QUESTION 24.

25. With regard to THAT LANGUAGE, how well do you do the following?

How well do you ...

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Very Well	Pretty Well	Well	Not Very Well	Not At All
a. Understand that language when people speak it
b. Speak that language
c. Read that language
d. Write that language

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ONLY IF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS SPOKEN IN YOUR HOME.

26. How often is THAT LANGUAGE spoken in each situation listed below?

(IF YOU DO NOT SEE THAT PERSON OFTEN, PLEASE MARK "Does Not Apply")

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

How often do (does):	Always or most of the time	About half the time	Sometimes	Never	Does Not Apply
a. <u>YOU</u> speak that language to your mother (or female guardian)
b. Your <u>MOTHER</u> (or female guardian) speak that language to you
c. <u>YOU</u> speak that language to your father (or male guardian)
d. Your <u>FATHER</u> (or male guardian) speak that language to you
e. Your <u>PARENTS</u> (or guardians) speak that language to each other
f. Your <u>GRANDPARENTS</u> speak that language to you
g. Your <u>BROTHERS</u> or <u>SISTERS</u> speak that language to you
h. <u>YOU</u> speak that language with your best friends in your neighborhood
i. <u>YOU</u> speak that language with your best friends in school

27. How well do you do the following?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

How well do you ...	Very Well	Pretty Well	Well	Not Very Well
a. Understand spoken English
b. Speak English
c. Read English
d. Write English



ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ONLY IF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS SPOKEN IN YOUR HOME.

28. During your first two years in school in the United States, were any of the following subjects taught to you in a language other than English? Do not include regular foreign language classes.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES, ANSWER FOR THIS YEAR ONLY.

(MARK AT LEAST ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Subject Taught in English	Subject Taught in Other Language	Subject Not Taught
a. Math
b. Science
c. United States literature or language such as reading or writing
d. United States history, government or social studies
e. Literature or language arts from the society your ancestors came from
f. History, government or social studies from the society your ancestors came from

29. Were you ever enrolled in an English language/language assistance program, that is, a program for students whose native language is not English?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes → GO TO Question 30
- No → Please SKIP TO Question 31 on Page 15

30. In which grade(s) were you enrolled in this type of program? ←

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1st grade
- 2nd grade
- 3rd grade
- 4th grade
- 5th grade
- 6th grade
- 7th grade
- 8th grade

PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE REST OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

PART 3 — YOUR FAMILY

31. Next we would like to ask you some background information.

31A. Which best describes you?

(MARK ONE)

- Asian or Pacific Islander → GO TO 31B below
- Hispanic, regardless of race .. → GO TO 31C below
- Black, not of Hispanic origin.] SKIP TO
- White, not of Hispanic origin.] Question 32,
- American Indian or] Page 16
- Alaskan Native

31C. Which of these best categorizes your background?

HISPANIC

(MARK ONE)

- Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano
- Cuban
- Puerto Rican
- Other Hispanic

31B. Which of these best categorizes your background?

ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER

(MARK ONE)

- Chinese
- Filipino
- Japanese
- Korean
- Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Laotian,
Cambodian/Kampuchean, Thai, etc.)
- Pacific Islander (Samoan,
Guamanian, etc.)
- South Asian (Asian Indian, Pakistani,
Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- West Asian (Iranian, Afghan,
Turkish, etc.)
- Middle Eastern (Iraqi, Israeli,
Lebanese, etc.)
- Other Asian

31D. What is your race?

(MARK ONE)

- Black Hispanic
- White Hispanic
- Other Hispanic

NOW GO ON TO QUESTION 32, PAGE 16

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32. How many brothers and sisters do you have? Please include any stepbrothers and/or stepsisters if they live or have lived in your home.

(MARK ONE)

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five
- Six or more

33. How many of your brothers and sisters are older than you are? Please include any stepbrothers and stepsisters if they live or have lived in your home.

(MARK ONE)

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five
- Six or more

34. How far in school did your parents go?
ANSWER FOR BOTH A AND B BELOW.

(MARK ONE)

(MARK ONE)

A
Father
(or male
guardian)

B
Mother
(or female
guardian)

- | | |
|--|-------|
| Did not finish high school | |
| Graduated from high school or equivalent (GED) | |
| After graduating from high school, attended a vocational school, a junior college, a community college, or another type of two-year school | |
| After graduating from high school, went to college but did not complete a four-year degree | |
| Graduated from college | |
| Master's degree or equivalent | |
| Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced professional degree | |
| Don't know | |

35. Which of the following does your family have in your home?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Have | Do Not Have |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| a. A specific place for study | | |
| b. A daily newspaper | | |
| c. Regularly received magazine | | |
| d. An encyclopedia | | |
| e. An atlas | | |
| f. A dictionary | | |
| g. Typewriter | | |
| h. Computer | | |
| i. Electric dishwasher | | |
| j. Clothes dryer | | |
| k. Washing machine | | |
| l. Microwave oven | | |
| m. More than 50 books | | |
| n. VCR | | |
| o. Pocket calculator | | |
| p. A room of your own | | |

36. Since the beginning of the school year, how often have you discussed the following with either or both of your parents or guardians?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Not at all | Once or twice | Three or more times |
|--|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| a. Selecting courses or programs at school | | | |
| b. School activities or events of particular interest to you | | | |
| c. Things you've studied in class | | | |

37. Since the beginning of this school year, has either of your parents or guardians done any of the following?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Yes | No | I don't know |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|
| a. Attended a school meeting | | | |
| b. Phoned or spoken to your teacher or counselor | | | |
| c. Visited your classes | | | |
| d. Attended a school event such as a play, concert, gym exhibit, sports competition, honor ceremony or science fair where YOU participated | | | |

38. How often do your parents or guardians do the following?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Often Some-
times Rarely Never

- a. Check on whether you have done your homework
- b. Require you to do work or chores around the home.....
- c. Limit the amount of time you can spend watching TV.....
- d. Limit the amount of time for going out with friends on school nights

39. Are the following statements mostly true for you and your parents, or mostly false for you and your parents?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

True False

- a. My parents trust me to do what they expect without checking up on me.....
- b. I often do not know WHY I am supposed to do what my parents tell me to do.....
- c. I often count on my parents to solve many of my problems for me.....

40. Are any of the following people at home when you return home from school?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Usually Some-
times Rarely Never

- a. Your mother or female guardian.....
- b. Your father or male guardian
- c. Other adult relative
- d. A sitter
- e. An adult neighbor
- f. Older brother or sister
- g. Younger brother or sister
- h. No one is home

41. On average, how much time do you spend after school each day at home with no adult present?

(MARK ONE)

- None — never happens
- Less than 1 hour.....
- 1-2 hours.....
- 2-3 hours.....
- More than 3 hours

42. During the school year, how many hours a day do you USUALLY watch TV? ANSWER BOTH A AND B BELOW.

(MARK ONE) (MARK ONE)

A B
On weekdays On weekends

- Don't watch TV
- Less than one hour a day
- 1-2 hours.....
- 2-3 hours.....
- 3-4 hours.....
- 4-5 hours.....
- Over 5 hours a day

43. How many cigarettes do you usually smoke a day?

(MARK ONE)

- I don't smoke.....
- 1 to 5 cigarettes a day
- About 1/2 pack a day
- More than 1/2 pack but less than 2 packs a day..
- Two packs a day or more

PART 4 — YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT YOURSELF

44. How do you feel about each of the following statements?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. I feel good about myself				
b. I don't have enough control over the direction my life is taking				
c. In my life, good luck is more important than hard work for success				
d. I feel I am a person of worth, the equal of other people				
e. I am able to do things as well as most other people				
f. Every time I try to get ahead, something or somebody stops me				
g. My plans hardly ever work out, so planning only makes me unhappy				
h. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself				
i. I certainly feel useless at times				
j. At times I think I am no good at all				
k. When I make plans, I am almost certain I can make them work				
l. I feel I do not have much to be proud of				
m. Chance and luck are very important for what happens in my life				

PART 5 — YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

45. As things stand now, how far in school do you think you will get? (MARK ONE)

- Won't finish high school
- Will graduate from high school, but won't go any further
- Will go to vocational, trade, or business school after high school
- Will attend college
- Will graduate from college
- Will attend a higher level of school after graduating from college

46. How sure are you that you will graduate from high school? (MARK ONE)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Very sure I'll graduate | } GO TO
Question 47 |
| I'll probably graduate | |
| I probably won't graduate | |
| Very sure I won't graduate | |
- **SKIP TO
Question 48**

47. How sure are you that you will go on for further education after you leave high school? (MARK ONE)

- Very sure I'll go
- I'll probably go
- I probably won't go
- Very sure I won't go

48. How far in school do you think your father and your mother want you to get? **BE SURE TO ANSWER BOTH A AND B BELOW.**

	(MARK ONE) A Father (or male guardian)	(MARK ONE) B Mother (or female guardian)
Less than high school graduation		
Graduate from high school, but not go any further		
Go to vocational, trade, or business school after high school		
Attend college		
Graduate from college		
Attend a higher level of school after graduating from college		
Don't know		

49. In which program do you expect to enroll in high school? (MARK ONE)

- College prep, academic, or specialized academic (such as Science or Math)
- Vocational, technical, or business and career
- General high school program
- Other specialized high school (such as Fine Arts)
- Other
- I don't know

50. How often have you talked to the following people about planning your high school program? (MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Not at all	Once or twice		Three or more times
a. Your father (or male guardian)
b. Your mother (or female guardian)
c. A guidance counselor
d. Teachers
e. Other adult relatives or friends
f. Friends or relatives about your own age

51. Since the beginning of this school year, have you talked to a counselor at your school, a teacher at your school, or another adult relative or adult friend (other than your parents), for any of the following reasons? (ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" TO EACH QUESTION FOR COLUMNS A, B, AND C.)

(FOR EACH COLUMN MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	A		B		C	
	Counselor		Teacher		Other Adult Relative or Adult Friend	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
a. To get information about high schools or high school programs						
b. To get information about jobs or careers that you might be interested in after finishing school						
c. To help improve your academic work in school right now						
d. To select courses or programs at school.....						
e. Things you've studied in class						
f. Because of discipline problems						
g. To get information or counseling on alcohol or drug abuse						
h. For counseling on personal problems						

MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ANSWERED "YES" OR "NO" TO EACH QUESTION IN EACH COLUMN.

52. What kind of work do you expect to be doing when you are 30 years old? (MARK THE ANSWER THAT COMES CLOSEST TO WHAT YOU EXPECT TO BE DOING. IF YOU HAVE TWO OR THREE THINGS YOU THINK YOU MAY BE DOING, DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER. INSTEAD, MAKE ONE BEST GUESS.)

(MARK ONE)

- CRAFTSPERSON OR OPERATOR such as baker, mechanic, cook, machine operator, television repairer, telephone repairer, clothing presser, bus driver, taxi driver, truck driver
- FARMER OR FARM MANAGER
- HOUSEWIFE/HOMEMAKER
- LABORER OR FARM WORKER such as farm hand, garbage collector, car washer, construction worker
- MILITARY, POLICE, OR SECURITY OFFICER such as career officer or enlisted person in the armed forces, police officer, security guard, firefighter, detective
- PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS, OR MANAGERIAL such as professor, teacher, librarian, nurse, doctor, dentist, restaurant manager, buyer, business executive
- OWNING a business or service establishment
- TECHNICAL such as draftsman, medical or dental technician, computer programmer
- SALESPERSON, CLERICAL OR OFFICE WORKER such as sales clerk, real estate agent, newsstand operator, data entry clerk, secretary, bank teller
- SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL such as engineer or scientist
- SERVICE WORKER such as waiter, hairdresser, worker in fast food establishment, cook, janitor, beautician, childcare worker
- OTHER
- NOT WORKING
- DON'T KNOW

PART 6 — YOUR JOBS AND CHORES

53. Not counting chores around the house, how many hours do/did you work a week for pay on your present or most recent job?

(MARK ONE)

None, never worked for pay

Up to 4 hours a week

5-10 hours a week

11-20 hours a week

21 or more hours a week

54. Which of the job categories below comes closest to the kind of work you do/did for pay on your current or most recent job? (Do not include work around the house. If more than one kind of work, choose the one that paid you the most per hour.)

(MARK ONE)

Have not worked for pay

Lawn work

Waiter or waitress

Newspaper route

Babysitting or child care

Farm or agricultural work

Other manual labor

Store clerk, salesperson

Office or clerical

Odd jobs

Other

PART 7 — YOUR SCHOOL LIFE

55. During the first semester of the current school year, has any of the following things happened to you?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Never Once or More than
 twice twice

- a. I was sent to the office because I was misbehaving
- b. I was sent to the office because of problems with my school work
- c. My parents received a warning about my attendance
- d. My parents received a warning about my grades
- e. My parents received a warning about my behavior
- f. I got into a physical fight with another student

56. How do you think other students in your classes see you?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Other students in class see you ... Very Some-what Not at all

- a. As popular
- b. As athletic
- c. As a good student
- d. As important
- e. As a trouble-maker

57. During the first semester of the current school year, how many times have any of the following things happened to you?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Never Once or More than
 twice twice

- a. I had something stolen from me at school
- b. Someone offered to sell me drugs at school
- c. Someone threatened to hurt me at school

58. Indicate the degree to which each of the following matters are a problem in your school.

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Serious
 Moderate
 Minor
 Not a problem

- a. Student tardiness
- b. Student absenteeism
- c. Students cutting class
- d. Physical conflicts among students
- e. Robbery or theft
- f. Vandalism of school property
- g. Student use of alcohol
- h. Student use of illegal drugs
- i. Student possession of weapons
- j. Physical abuse of teachers
- k. Verbal abuse of teachers

59. How much do you agree with each of the following statements about your school and teachers?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Students get along well with teachers
b. There is real school spirit
c. Rules for behavior are strict
d. Discipline is fair
e. Other students often disrupt class
f. The teaching is good
g. Teachers are interested in students
h. When I work hard on schoolwork, my teachers praise my effort
i. In class I often feel "put down" by my teachers
j. Most of my teachers really listen to what I have to say
k. I don't feel safe at this school
l. Disruptions by other students get in the way of my learning
m. Misbehaving students often get away with it



PART 8 — YOUR SCHOOLWORK

Sometimes students are put in different groups, so that they are with other students of similar ability. The next questions are about ability groups in certain school subjects.

60. What ability group are you in for the following classes?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	High	Middle	Low	We aren't grouped	I don't know
a. Mathematics
b. Science
c. English
d. Social Studies

Students often take certain classes for different reasons. Questions 61 through 65 ask about the people who may have helped you decide to take or not take algebra.

61. Did a teacher or counselor talk to you about taking an algebra course this year?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes
- No
- Algebra not offered

62. Did your parents/guardians want you to take an algebra course this year?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

63. Did your friends encourage you or discourage you from taking algebra this year?

(MARK ONE)

- Encouraged me
- Discouraged me
- Neither encouraged nor discouraged me
- Algebra not offered

64. Were you asked by the principal or another school staff member if you wanted to take an algebra course?

(MARK ONE)

- Yes
- No
- Algebra not offered

65. Who do you think had the most to say about whether you took algebra?

(MARK ONE)

- I did
- My parents/guardians
- Teachers
- Counselors
- My friends
- Algebra not offered

66. Are you enrolled in advanced, enriched, or accelerated courses in any of the following areas?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| a. English (language arts) | | |
| b. Social studies | | |
| c. Science | | |
| d. Mathematics | | |

67. Which of the following math classes do you attend at least once a week this school year?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Attend | Do Not Attend |
|---|--------|---------------|
| a. REMEDIAL MATH | | |
| b. REGULAR MATH | | |
| c. ALGEBRA (or other advanced math) | | |

67A. Which of the following science classes do you attend at least once a week this school year?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Attend | Do Not Attend |
|--|--------|---------------|
| a. A SCIENCE COURSE in which you have a LABORATORY | | |
| b. SCIENCE (general science) | | |
| c. BIOLOGY (life science) | | |
| d. EARTH SCIENCE | | |

67B. Which of the following classes do you attend at least once a week this school year?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Attend | Do Not Attend |
|--|--------|---------------|
| a. ENGLISH (including literature, composition, language arts) | | |
| b. REMEDIAL ENGLISH | | |
| c. HISTORY | | |
| d. SOCIAL STUDIES (including government or civics, economics, geography, current events) | | |
| e. FOREIGN LANGUAGE | | |
| f. ART | | |
| g. MUSIC | | |
| h. COMPUTER EDUCATION | | |

67. Continued

67C. Which of the following classes do you attend at least once a week this school year?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Attend | Do Not Attend |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| a. HOME ECONOMICS | | |
| b. SHOP (industrial arts) | | |
| c. TYPING | | |
| d. CONSUMER EDUCATION | | |
| e. AGRICULTURE | | |

67D. Which of the following classes do you attend at least once a week this school year?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Attend | Do Not Attend |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| a. DRAMA OR SPEECH | | |
| b. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | | |
| c. PHYSICAL EDUCATION (gym) | | |
| d. SEX EDUCATION | | |

68. Are you enrolled in any of the following special programs/services?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-------|-------|
| a. Classes for gifted or talented students | | |
| b. Special instruction for those whose first language is not English — for example, bilingual education or English as a second language (not regular English classes) | | |

Questions 69-72

For each of the eighth grade subjects listed below, mark the statement that best expresses your opinion.

69. MATHEMATICS

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I usually look forward to mathematics class | | | | |
| b. I often am afraid to ask questions in mathematics class | | | | |
| c. Math will be useful in my future | | | | |

70. ENGLISH

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I usually look forward to English class | | | | |
| b. I often am afraid to ask questions in English class | | | | |
| c. English will be useful in my future | | | | |

71. SOCIAL STUDIES

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I usually look forward to social studies class | | | | |
| b. I often am afraid to ask questions in social studies class | | | | |
| c. Social studies will be useful in my future | | | | |

72. SCIENCE

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

- | | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. I usually look forward to science class | | | | |
| b. I often am afraid to ask questions in science class | | | | |
| c. Science will be useful in my future | | | | |

73. Do you ever feel bored when you are at school?

(MARK ONE)

- Never
- Once in a while
- About half of the time
- Most of the time

74. Were you ever held back (made to repeat) a grade in school?

(MARK ONE)

No → GO TO Question 75

Yes → I repeated grade(s):

GRADES REPEATED:

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- a. Kindergarten
- b. Grade 1
- c. Grade 2
- d. Grade 3
- e. Grade 4
- f. Grade 5
- g. Grade 6
- h. Grade 7
- i. Grade 8

75. How many days of school did you miss over the past four weeks?

(MARK ONE)

- None
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 or 4 days
- 5 to 10 days
- More than 10 days

76. How often do you cut or skip classes?

(MARK ONE)

- Never or almost never
- Sometimes, but less than once a week
- Not every day, but at least once a week
- Daily

77. How many times were you late for school over the past four weeks?

(MARK ONE)

- None
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 or 4 days
- 5 to 10 days
- More than 10 days

78. How often do you come to class and find yourself WITHOUT these things?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

Usually Often Seldom Never

- a. Pencil or paper (when needed)
- b. Books (when needed)
- c. Your homework done (when assigned)

79. In the following subjects, about how much time do you spend on homework EACH WEEK?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

HOURS PER WEEK:

	None	Less than 1 hour	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours	4-6 hours	7-9 hours	10 or more
a. Mathematics homework
b. Science homework
c. English homework
d. Social Studies homework
e. Homework for all other subjects

80. How much additional reading do you do each week on your own outside school — not in connection with schoolwork? (Do not count any reading done for any school purpose.)

(MARK ONE)

- None
- 1 hour or less per week
- 2 hours
- 3 hours
- 4-5 hours
- 6 hours or more per week

81. For each of the school subjects listed below, mark the statement that best describes your grades from sixth grade up till now.

(MARK ONE FOR EACH SUBJECT BELOW)

	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
Mostly As (a numerical average of 90-100)
Mostly Bs (80-89)
Mostly Cs (70-79)
Mostly Ds (60-69)
Mostly below D (below 60)
Does not apply to me — my classes are not graded

MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ONE ANSWER FOR EACH SUBJECT.

PART 9 — YOUR ACTIVITIES

82. Have you or will you have participated in any of the following school activities during the current school year, either as a member, or as an officer (for example, vice-president, coordinator, team captain)?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Did not participate	Participated as a member	Participated as an officer
a. Science fairs
b. School varsity sports (playing against teams from other schools)
c. Intramural sports (playing against teams from your own school)
d. Cheerleading
e. Band or Orchestra
f. Chorus or choir
g. Dance
h. History club
i. Science club
j. Math club
k. Foreign language club
l. Other subject matter club
m. Debate or speech team
n. Drama club
o. Academic Honors Society
p. Student newspaper
q. Student yearbook
r. Student council
s. Computer club
t. Religious organization
u. Vocational education club

83. Have you or will you have participated in any of the following outside-school activities this year, either as a member, or as an officer (for example, vice-president, coordinator, team captain)?

(MARK ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Did not participate	Participated as a member	Participated as an officer
a. Scouting
b. Religious youth groups
c. Hobby clubs
d. Neighborhood clubs or programs
e. Boys' clubs or girls' clubs
f. Non-school team sports
g. 4-H
h. Y or other youth groups
i. Summer programs, such as workshops or institutes in science, language, drama, and so on
j. Other

THANK YOU