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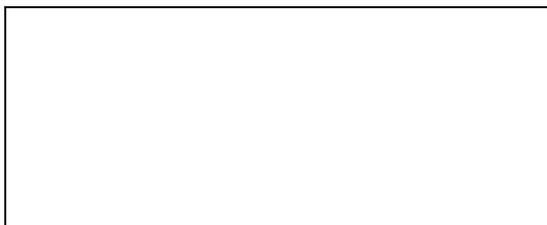


PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE (Abbreviated) Base Year

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The data from this survey will be used by educators and by federal and state policy makers to address important issues facing the nation's schools: educational standards, high school course-taking patterns, dropping out of school, the education of the disadvantaged, the needs of language minority students, and the features of effective schools.

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National Education Association
National Parent Teacher Association
National Resource Center for Safe Schools
National School Boards Association
National School Safety Board

INTRODUCTION

On the cover of this questionnaire, you will find the name of a tenth grader. Please check the cover to make certain that the tenth grader named on the cover is one for whom you or your spouse or partner are responsible. The questionnaire should be completed by the parent or guardian who is most familiar with the tenth grader's current school situation and educational plans.

If you or another household member are the appropriate person, please fill out the questionnaire and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided. If the appropriate person does not live in your household, please call Sherry Hubbard toll-free at 1-877-226-0150 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday, to discuss the best way to get the questionnaire to the appropriate person. You may also e-mail questions to: ELS@rti.org. (In the subject line, please type Parent Questionnaire.)

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE CONTAINS SELECTED QUESTIONS FROM THE FULL-LENGTH PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE. THEREFORE, THE QUESTION NUMBERS IN THIS ABBREVIATED VERSION ARE NOT SEQUENTIAL.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION (OTHER THAN THE ONES YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SKIP OVER), BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER.

KEY FOR MONTHS

01 = January
02 = February
03 = March
04 = April

05 = May
06 = June
07 = July
08 = August

09 = September
10 = October
11 = November
12 = December

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PART I: FAMILY BACKGROUND

1. What is your relationship to the tenth grader named on the front cover?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Biological mother
 - Biological father
 - Adoptive mother
 - Adoptive father
 - Stepmother
 - Stepfather
 - Foster mother
 - Foster father
 - Girlfriend or partner of 10th grader's parent/guardian
 - Boyfriend or partner of 10th grader's parent/guardian
 - Grandmother
 - Grandfather
 - Other female relative
 - Other male relative
 - Other female guardian
 - Other male guardian
- SKIP TO QUESTION 3
- GO TO QUESTION 2

2. Does one or both of your tenth grader's biological or adoptive parents live in the same household as you and your tenth grader?

- Yes → For the rest of this questionnaire, "spouse/partner" refers to this biological or adoptive parent. → SKIP TO QUESTION 4 ON PAGE 2
- No → GO TO QUESTION 3

3. Do you have a spouse or partner who lives in the same household as you and your tenth grader?

- Yes ... → For the rest of the questionnaire, "spouse/partner" refers to your current spouse or partner who lives in the same household as you and your tenth grader even if this spouse or partner is not your tenth grader's biological or adoptive parent. → GO TO QUESTION 4 ON PAGE 2
- No → For the rest of this questionnaire, please mark questions about your spouse/partner as "Does not apply." → SKIP TO QUESTION 5 ON PAGE 2

4. **What is your spouse/partner's relationship to the tenth grader named on the front cover? Please use the definition of "spouse/partner" for your family situation as instructed in Question 2 or Question 3.**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Biological mother O
- Biological father O
- Adoptive mother O
- Adoptive father O
- Stepmother O
- Stepfather O
- Foster mother O
- Foster father O
- Girlfriend or partner of 10th grader's parent/guardian..... O
- Boyfriend or partner of 10th grader's parent/guardian O
- Grandmother O
- Grandfather O
- Other female relative O
- Other male relative O
- Other female guardian O
- Other male guardian O

5. **How much of the time does the tenth grader named on the front cover live with you?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- All of the time O
- More than half of the time O
- Half of the time O
- Less than half of the time..... O
- None of the time O

10. **What is your current marital status?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Married O
- Not currently married, but living in a marriage-like relationship..... O
- Widowed and not living in a marriage-like relationship O
- Separated and not living in a marriage-like relationship O
- Divorced and not living in a marriage-like relationship..... O
- Never married and not living in a marriage-like relationship..... O

11. In what year were you born?

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12. In what year was your spouse/partner born? REMINDER: Please use the definition of "spouse/partner" for your family situation as instructed in Question 2 or Question 3. If you do not have a spouse/partner, mark the appropriate circle and skip to question 13.

Does not apply. I do not have a spouse/partner. O → SKIP TO QUESTION 13

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→ GO TO QUESTION 13

13. Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

Yes ... O

No O

15. Please select one or more of the following choices to best describe your race.

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

White..... O

Black/African American..... O

Asian..... O

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander..... O

American Indian or Alaska Native..... O

17. Was your tenth grader's biological mother born in the United States (that is, any of the fifty states or the District of Columbia), in Puerto Rico, or in another country or area?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

She was born in the United States..... O

She was born in Puerto Rico..... O

She was born in another country/area..... O

I don't know where she was born..... O

20. Was your tenth grader's biological father born in the United States (that is, any of the fifty states or the District of Columbia), in Puerto Rico, or in another country or area?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

He was born in the United States..... O

He was born in Puerto Rico..... O

He was born in another country/area..... O

I don't know where he was born..... O

23. Was your tenth grader born in the United States (that is, any of the fifty states or the District of Columbia), in Puerto Rico, or in another country or area?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- He/she was born in the United States → SKIP TO QUESTION 28
 He/she was born in Puerto Rico.....
 He/she was born in another country/area..... → GO TO QUESTION 24

24. How many years ago did your tenth grader come to the United States to stay?

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years

Does not apply. Tenth grader is only temporarily in the United States.....

28. Is English your native language (the first language you learned to speak when you were a child)?

Yes ...

No

34. What is the highest level of education you and your spouse/partner have reached?

REMINDER: Use "spouse/partner" definition from Question 2 or Question 3.

(MARK ONE RESPONSE IN EACH COLUMN)

| | You | Your spouse/ partner |
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| Did not finish high school..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Graduated from high school or equivalent (GED) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Graduated from high school and attended a two-year school (such as a vocational or technical school, a junior college, or a community college), but did not complete a degree..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Graduated from a two-year school (such as a vocational or technical school, a junior college, or a community college) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Graduated from high school and went to college but did not complete a four-year degree | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Graduated from college | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Completed a Master's degree or equivalent | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Completed a Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced professional degree..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Don't Know | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Does not apply. I do not have a spouse or partner..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

36. **During the past week, were you working for pay full-time (35 hours or more), part-time, or not at all?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Full-time (35 hours or more) O → SKIP TO QUESTION 39
Part-time (less than 35 hours)..... O
Not at all O → GO TO QUESTION 37

37. **Which one of these best describes your situation during the past week?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- I had a full-time job, but was not at work because of
temporary illness, vacation, strike or jury duty O → SKIP TO QUESTION 39
I had a part-time job, but was not at work because of
temporary illness, vacation, strike or jury duty O
Unemployed and looking for work..... O
Disabled and not looking for work O
Retired..... O
In school..... O → GO TO QUESTION 38
Keeping house (without a job for pay) O
Volunteering (without a job for pay) O
None of the above..... O

38. **Have you ever held a regular job for pay in the United States (including self-employment)?**

- Yes... O → GO TO QUESTION 39
No O → SKIP TO QUESTION 40 ON PAGE 7

39. **Please describe your present or most recent job for pay in the United States. If you hold more than one job, describe only one job, that which you consider to be your main job.**

a. **What is/was your present or most recent job called?**

b. **What are/were your main duties?**

c. Which of the categories below comes closest to describing this job?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- CLERICAL such as bank teller, bookkeeper, secretary, typist, mail carrier, ticket agent O
- CRAFTSPERSON such as baker, automobile mechanic, machinist, painter, plumber,
telephone installer, carpenter O
- FARMER, FARM MANAGER O
- HOMEMAKER (without other job)..... O
- LABORER such as construction worker, car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer O
- MANAGER, ADMINISTRATOR such as sales manager, office manager,
school administrator, buyer, restaurant manager, government official O
- MILITARY such as career officer, enlisted man or woman in the Armed Forces O
- OPERATIVE such as meat cutter, assembler, machine operator, welder, taxicab, bus or
truck driver..... O
- PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, artist, registered nurse, engineer, librarian, writer,
social worker, actor, actress, athlete, politician, but not including school teacher..... O
- PROFESSIONAL such as clergy, dentist, physician, lawyer, scientist, college teacher O
- PROPRIETOR OR OWNER such as owner of a small business, contractor, restaurant
owner O
- PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as detective, police officer or guard, sheriff, fire fighter..... O
- SALES such as salesperson, advertising or insurance agent, real estate broker O
- SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary or secondary O
- SERVICE such as barber, beautician, practical nurse, private household worker,
janitor, waiter or waitress O
- TECHNICAL such as draftsman, medical or dental technician, computer programmer O
- OTHER O
- DON'T KNOW O

40. **During the past week, was your spouse/partner working for pay full-time (35 hours or more), part-time, or not at all?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Full-time (35 hours or more) → SKIP TO QUESTION 43
Part-time (less than 35 hours).....
Not at all → GO TO QUESTION 41
Does not apply → SKIP TO QUESTION 70 ON PAGE 9

41. **Which one of these best describes your spouse/partner's situation during the past week?**

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- He/she had a full-time job, but was not at work because of temporary illness, vacation, strike or jury duty → SKIP TO QUESTION 43
He/she had a part-time job, but was not at work because of temporary illness, vacation, strike or jury duty
Unemployed and looking for work.....
Disabled and not looking for work
Retired.....
In school..... → GO TO QUESTION 42
Keeping house (without a job for pay)
Volunteering (without a job for pay)
None of the above.....

42. **Has your spouse/partner ever held a regular job for pay in the United States (including self-employment)?**

- Yes ... → GO TO QUESTION 43
No → SKIP TO QUESTION 70 ON PAGE 9

43. **Please describe your spouse/partner's present or most recent job for pay in the United States. If your spouse/partner has more than one job, describe only one job, that which your spouse/partner considers to be his or her main job.**

a. **What is/was your spouse/partner's present or most recent job called?**

b. **What are/were your spouse/partner's main duties?**

c. Which of the categories below comes closest to describing this job?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- CLERICAL such as bank teller, bookkeeper, secretary, typist, mail carrier, ticket agent O
- CRAFTSPERSON such as baker, automobile mechanic, machinist, painter, plumber,
telephone installer, carpenter O
- FARMER, FARM MANAGER O
- HOMEMAKER (without other job)..... O
- LABORER such as construction worker, car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer..... O
- MANAGER, ADMINISTRATOR such as sales manager, office manager,
school administrator, buyer, restaurant manager, government official O
- MILITARY such as career officer, enlisted man or woman in the Armed Forces O
- OPERATIVE such as meat cutter, assembler, machine operator, welder, taxicab, bus or
truck driver..... O
- PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, artist, registered nurse, engineer, librarian, writer,
social worker, actor, actress, athlete, politician, but not including school teacher..... O
- PROFESSIONAL such as clergy, dentist, physician, lawyer, scientist, college teacher O
- PROPRIETOR OR OWNER such as owner of a small business, contractor, restaurant
owner O
- PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as detective, police officer or guard, sheriff, fire fighter..... O
- SALES such as salesperson, advertising or insurance agent, real estate broker O
- SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary or secondary O
- SERVICE such as barber, beautician, practical nurse, private household worker,
janitor, waiter or waitress O
- TECHNICAL such as draftsman, medical or dental technician, computer programmer O
- OTHER O
- DON'T KNOW O

PART III: TENTH GRADER'S FAMILY LIFE

70. In a typical week how many days do you eat at least one meal with your tenth grader?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- 0 days a week..... O
- 1 day a week O
- 2 days a week..... O
- 3 days a week..... O
- 4 days a week..... O
- 5 days a week..... O
- 6 days a week..... O
- 7 days a week..... O

71. Do you have a computer in your home that your tenth grader may use?

- Yes O
- No O

PART IV: OPINIONS ABOUT TENTH GRADER'S SCHOOL

78. How satisfied are you with the education your tenth grader has received up to now?

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Very satisfied..... O
- Somewhat satisfied O
- Somewhat dissatisfied O
- Very dissatisfied O

PART V: TENTH GRADER'S FUTURE PLANS

79. How far in school do you want your tenth grader to go? Please mark only the *highest level that applies*.

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- Less than high school graduation O
- High school graduation or GED only O
- Attend or complete a 2-year school course in a
community or vocational school..... O
- Attend college, but not complete a 4-year degree O
- Graduate from college O
- Obtain a Master's degree or equivalent..... O
- Obtain a Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced degree..... O

85. Which category does your total family income from all sources in 2001 fall into? (If you are not sure about the amount, please estimate.)

(MARK ONE RESPONSE)

- None..... O
- \$ 1,000 or less..... O
- \$ 1,001-\$ 5,000..... O
- \$ 5,001-\$ 10,000..... O
- \$ 10,001-\$ 15,000..... O
- \$ 15,001-\$ 20,000..... O
- \$ 20,001-\$ 25,000..... O
- \$ 25,001-\$ 35,000..... O
- \$ 35,001-\$ 50,000..... O
- \$ 50,001-\$ 75,000..... O
- \$ 75,001-\$100,000..... O
- \$100,001-\$200,000..... O
- \$200,001 or more..... O

PART VI: INFORMATION FOR FUTURE FOLLOW-UP

The study in which you are taking part seeks to measure changes over time in matters related to your tenth grader's education. For this reason, we may try to contact you again in the future. Since people move around a great deal, in this section we are asking you for information that will make it possible for us to locate you easily.

ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WILL NOT BE CONNECTED WITH YOUR ANSWERS TO THE MAIN PORTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

87. What is your name and address?

Name:

Last Name First Name MI

Address:

Number Street Apt. No.

City State Zip code

88. What is your telephone number?

HOME: (_____) _____ O I do not have a telephone.
Area Code Number

WORK: (_____) _____ O I do not have a work
Area Code Number Extension telephone number.

89. What is your e-mail address?

_____ O I do not have an email address.

QUESTIONS 90a AND 90b, LIKE ALL ITEMS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ARE VOLUNTARY. THESE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS WILL BE USED ONLY TO FIND YOU AND YOUR TENTH GRADER FOR FUTURE FOLLOW UP. ALL OF YOUR RESPONSES WILL BE KEPT COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.

90. a. What is your social security number?

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b. What is your tenth grader's social security number?

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99. Date completed:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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