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Educational Aspirations (Cook et al., 1996)

These questions are about your plans for the future

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT ARE YOU MOST LIKELY TO DO?	Continue in school	Get a job	Volunteer	Join the military	No Clear Plan
1.a. If continue in school is answer above, check the highest level of education you think You will reach.	Trade school	Tech School	Community College		
	4 Year college	Master’s Degree	PhD or MD		
Educational Attitudes (Neblett & Cortina, 2006)					
HOW SURE ARE YOU					
1. ... that going to school will help you get ahead in life.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
2. ... that going to school will make a difference in your life as an adult.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
3. ... that you will have good opportunities to work as an adult.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
4. ...that it will be easy to get a good job as an adult.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
5. ... that, once you have a job, it will be easy for you to keep.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
6. ... that studying for school will help you get ahead when you are an adult.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	
7. ...that you will like working as an adult.	Not at all sure	Not really sure	Mostly sure	Very sure	

Commitment to School (Thornberry et al., 1991)

These questions are about how you feel about school.

1. You like school a lot.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
2. School is boring.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
3. You do poorly in school.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
4. You don’t feel you really belong at school.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
5. You think homework is a waste of time.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
6. You try hard at school.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
7. You finish your homework.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
8. You think getting good grades is very important.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always

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9. You do extra work to improve your grades.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
10. If you could choose between studying to get a good grade on a test, OR going out with friends, you would study.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
11. You try to come to school every school day.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always

School Involvement (Eccles & Barber, 1999; Schaefer et al., 2011)

12. At your school, are there any clubs, school teams, or activities that kids can participate in <u>during</u> school?	No	Yes
13. You participate in school clubs, school teams, or school activities <u>during</u> school.	No	Yes
14. At your school, are there any clubs, school teams, or activities that kids can participate in <u>after</u> school?	No	Yes
15. You participate in school clubs, school teams, or school activities <u>after</u> school.	No	Yes

Attachment to Teacher (Smith et al., 1995)

The next questions are about your teachers.

1. If you needed advice on something other than school work, you would go to one of your teachers.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
2. You feel very close to one or more of your teachers.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
3. You care what your teachers think of you.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always
4. You want to be like your favorite teacher.	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time	Always

TDOE School Climate Measurement Middle School Student Survey

These questions are about what your school is like.

5. You feel like you are safe at this school.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
6. You feel like you are a part of this school.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
7. You have one or more teachers who care about you.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true

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8. You have one or more teachers who know you well.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
9. Adults in your school seem to work well together.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
10. Adults who work in your school treat students with respect.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
11. The school rules are clear in your school.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
12. Adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
13. If you get in trouble in this school, you have a chance to tell your side of the story.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
14. If you break the rules, adults in this school will help you learn from your mistake.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
15. Students at your school care about each other.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
16. Students at your school trust each other.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
17. You get distracted from your work by other students acting out in class.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
18. Students in this school respect each other's differences	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
19. Students at your school bully each other, fight a lot, or pick on each other.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true
20. Students at your school are made to feel excluded or left out.	Not at all true	A little true	Somewhat true	Often true	Very true

Neighborhood (Earls et al., 1994-1995)

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These questions are about the area in which you live:

1. You have heard about, seen, or experienced at least one instance of animal cruelty in your neighborhood/surrounding area-for example, hitting or kicking a dog.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2. You have heard about, seen, or experienced at least one instance of non-violent crime in your neighborhood/surrounding area-for example, selling drugs or stealing.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
3. You have heard about, seen, or experienced at least one instance of violent crime in your neighborhood/surrounding area.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
4. Gangs are a problem in your neighborhood/surrounding area.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
5. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area think the way you do about things.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
6. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area can be trusted.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
7. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area take care of each other.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
8. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area would do something if a group of neighborhood children skip school and hang out on a street corner.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
9. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area would do something if some children spray-paint graffiti on a local building.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
10. People in your neighborhood/surrounding area would correct a child if that child showed disrespect to an adult.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree

Big 5 Conscientiousness (John & Srivastava, 1999)

You see yourself as someone who...

1. Does things carefully and completely	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
2. Can be somewhat careless, PROMPT not being careful	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
3. Is a reliable worker, PROMPT dependable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree

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4. Tends to be disorganized, PROMPT messy	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
5. Tends to be lazy	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
6. Keeps working until things are done	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
7. Does things efficiently (quickly and correctly)	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
8. Makes plans and sticks to them	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
9. Is easily distracted; has trouble paying attention	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree

Middle Years Development Inventory (MDI; Schonert-Reichl et al., 2013)

These questions are about you.

1. In general, you like being the way you are	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
2. Overall, you have a lot to be proud of	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
3. A lot of things about you are good	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
4. You have a group of friends you do things with.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
5. You feel that you usually fit in with other kids around you	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
6. When you are with other kids your age, you feel you belong	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
7. You have at least one really good friend you can talk to when something is bothering you	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
8. You have a friend you can tell everything to	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree
9. There is somebody your age who really understands you	Strongly Disagree	Disagree a little	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree a little	Strongly Agree

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Peer Delinquency (Miller-Johnson et al., 2004)

These next questions are about your friends, please select No or Yes.

During this school year, have any of your friends		
1. Stolen something from another student?	No	Yes
2. Snuck into someplace without paying such as movies, onto a bus?	No	Yes
3. Skipped school or a class?	No	Yes
4. Cheated on a test?	No	Yes
5. Taken something from a store without paying for it?	No	Yes
6. Written things or spray painted walls, sidewalks or cars where they were not supposed to?	No	Yes
7. Damaged school or other property that didn't belong to them?	No	Yes
8. Taken a motor vehicle not belonging to him/her for a ride without the owner's permission?	No	Yes
9. Hit someone with the intent of really hurting that person?	No	Yes
10. Attacked someone with a weapon or other thing to really hurt that person?	No	Yes
11. Had alcohol to drink?	No	Yes
12. Smoked a cigarette or vaped?	No	Yes
13. Used drugs?	No	Yes
14. Been in a gang fight?	No	Yes
Social Media Items – Added based on teacher feedback		
15. Posted something mean or hurtful to someone on social media (e.g., facebook, instagram, snapchat, twitter)?	No	Yes
16. Used a cellphone, computer, or other digital device to send something mean or hurtful to someone?	No	Yes
Items added to make this measure more positive		
17. Received an award?	No	Yes
18. Been on the honor roll?	No	Yes
19. Stood up to a bully?	No	Yes

Self-Reported Child Delinquency (Miller-Johnson et al., 2004)

The next questions are about you.

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During this school year, have you		
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2. Snuck into someplace without paying such as movies, onto a bus?	No	Yes
3. Skipped school or a class?	No	Yes

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4. Cheated on a test?	No	Yes
5. Taken something from a store without paying for it?	No	Yes
6. Attacked someone with a weapon or other thing to really hurt that person?	No	Yes
7. Damaged school or other property that didn't belong to you?	No	Yes
8. Taken a motor vehicle not belonging to you for a ride without the owner's permission?	No	Yes
9. Hit someone with the intent of really hurting that person?	No	Yes
10. Written things or spray painted walls, sidewalks or cars where you were not supposed to?	No	Yes
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14. Been on the honor roll?	No	Yes
15. Stood up to a bully?	No	Yes

Family Embeddedness (Puma et al., 2008)

The next set of items is about things your family does together. Please indicate how often the following things happen:

1. You help plan family activities.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
2. You like to get involved in family activities.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
3. You go with members of the family to sports events, the park, movies, or other outings.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
4. Your parent/grandparent listens to you when you want to talk to them.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
5. You and your parent/grandparent do things together at home.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
6. Your parent/grandparent has family chats with you.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
7. You help your parent/grandparent around the house.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
8. You prefer to be with your friends rather than with your family.	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always

Religious Involvement (Ellison & Flannely, 2009; Mueller et al., 2010)

1. You go with members of your family to a place of worship, like a church, synagogue, mosque or temple.	No	Yes
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2. How often do you attend church (or another place of worship) or church-related activities (for example, a church picnic)?	Never	Once a year	A few times a year	Once a month	Twice a month	Once a week	More than once a week
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3. How many people do you know at your place of worship?	None	A few	Several	Many
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Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (Goodman, 1997)

These questions are also about you.

For each item, please mark the box for Not True, Somewhat True or Certainly True. It would help us if you answered all items as best you can even if you are not absolutely certain. Please give your answers on the basis of how things have been for you during this school year.			
1. You try to be nice to other people. You care about their feelings	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
2. You are restless, you cannot stay still for long	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
3. You get a lot of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
4. You usually share with others, for example games, books, pencils.	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
5. You get very angry and often lose your temper	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
6. You would rather be alone than with people of your age	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
7. You usually do as you are told	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
8. You worry a lot	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
9. You are helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
10. You are constantly fidgeting or squirming. PROMPT - wiggling	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
11. You have one good friend or more	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
12. You fight a lot. You can make other people do what you want	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
13. You are often unhappy, depressed or tearful	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
14. Other people your age generally like you	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
15. You are easily distracted, you find it difficult to concentrate	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
16. You are nervous in new situations. You easily lose confidence	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
17. You are kind to younger children	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
18. You are often accused of lying or cheating	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
19. Other children or young people pick on you or bully you	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
20. You often offer to help others (parents, teachers, children)	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
21. You think before you do things	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True

22. You take things that are not yours from home, school or elsewhere	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
23. You get along better with adults than with people your own age	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
24. You have many fears, you are easily scared	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True
25. You finish the work you're doing. Your attention is good	Not True	Somewhat True	Certainly True

What is the best thing about you?

If you could tell a teacher one thing about yourself what would it be?