

Chicago Public Schools

Department of Standards, Assessment, and Research

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Interview questions:

Student name _____ ID _____
School _____ Unit number _____
Interviewer _____ Date _____

(Note: Inform the interviewee that all responses are confidential: Continue responses needing more space on the backside. Always number a continuation with its corresponding item number.)

1. What preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school or schools did you go to?

If you changed schools, why? _____

2. What's the best thing that could happen to you in your future life after high school?

Why? _____

(Interviewer note: In the following item, if the student fails to mention anyone in his or her family providing substantial influence or help ask why.)

3. Who has influenced you the most in your life? _____

How has this person helped you? _____

How about:

your friends _____

your family _____

the teachers in your school _____

4. What are you planning to do after you leave high school? Be specific.

Talk a little about the persons or events that led you to make these plans.

5. Now talk a little about where you see yourself ten years from now?

How do you think you will be making a living? _____

6. What does success mean to you? _____

How do you know when you have it? _____

Are you doing anything to reach it? _____

7. When you hang out with friends, what do you usually do? _____

Where do you go? _____

8. What group in your school or community do you admire? _____

9. What do you think of this high school? How would you try to make it better? Comment briefly on the following:

teachers in your school _____

student attendance _____

counseling services _____

building security _____

after school activities _____

10. Have you ever experienced (racial) discrimination?

11. In the past year, have you had any personal experiences with the police?

Were they helpful? _____

Did you do anything illegal? _____

When did it take place?

How did you happen to be there? _____

12. Have you ever seen anyone shot or stabbed?

Do you currently feel in personal danger?

How about gangs?

13. Is there anything you want to tell us? _____

(Note; Ask the student to sign the following statement.)

I give my consent to participate in this interview.

Name _____

Date _____

