

Chicago Public Schools
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1995 Student Follow-Up Survey: A Youth Self-Report

Instructions: Since kindergarten, you have been asked to complete questionnaires about your educational experiences. Now, we want to find out about your current attitudes and experiences. Please be honest. Your responses will be strictly confidential and will be used only for research purposes. As soon as you finish filling out the form, fold it, put it in the envelope, and seal it. Then give it to your teacher or counselor to send back to us.

1. Looking back, how satisfied are you with the education you received during the following school years? Check your response in the appropriate box.

| Check if you did not attend: | | Very Satisfied | Somewhat Satisfied | Somewhat Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Don't Remember |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Preschool | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Kindergarten | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | c. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Elementary school | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | e. High school (so far) | | | | | |

2. As things stand now, how far in school do you **think** you will get?
(Circle your response)

- (1) Some high school
- (2) High school graduation only
- (3) Finish vocational or trade school
- (4) 1 or 2 years of college
- (5) Finish college (4-year degree)
- (6) Master's degree
- (7) Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent

3. How far in school would you **like** to go?
(Circle your response)

- (1) Some high school
- (2) High school graduation only
- (3) Finish vocational or trade school
- (4) 1 or 2 years of college
- (5) Finish college (4-year degree)
- (6) Master's degree
- (7) Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent

| CHECK THE ANSWER THAT IS TRUE FOR YOU: | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 4. I try hard in school | | | | |
| 5. I like school | | | | |
| 6. I get in trouble at school | | | | |
| 7. I get bored in school | | | | |
| 8. I am smart | | | | |
| 9. School is important | | | | |
| 10. I get good grades in school | | | | |
| 11. When in school, I would rather be someplace else | | | | |
| 12. My classmates like me | | | | |
| 13. I give up when schoolwork gets hard | | | | |

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| 14. I get along well with others | | | | |
| 15. I do better in school than my classmates | | | | |
| 16. I like myself | | | | |
| 17. I do my homework | | | | |
| 18. My teachers expect me to do well in school | | | | |
| 19. I enjoy writing | | | | |
| 20. I learn a lot at school | | | | |
| 21. There are many things about school I don't like | | | | |

CHECK THE ANSWER THAT IS TRUE FOR YOU: **Strongly Agree** **Agree** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

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| 22. All people should have at least a high school education | | | | |
| 23. I learn more from my experiences than from school | | | | |
| 24. My parent(s) expects me to finish high school | | | | |
| 25. My parent(s) expects me to go to college | | | | |
| 26. My parent(s) thinks education is very important | | | | |
| 27. My parent(s) makes sure I do my homework | | | | |
| 28. My parent(s) asks me a lot of questions about school | | | | |
| 29. My parent(s) picks up my report card at school | | | | |
| 30. I feel safe in my neighborhood | | | | |
| 31. In my classes, a lot of schoolwork gets done | | | | |
| 32. My school is clean and well-maintained | | | | |
| 33. I feel that I belong in this school | | | | |
| 34. Students behave well in this school | | | | |
| 35. I feel safe coming to and going home from school | | | | |
| 36. A lot is expected of me in this school | | | | |
| 37. A lot of good students go to this school | | | | |
| 38. I feel safe at my school | | | | |
| 39. I feel safe in my home | | | | |
| 40. I enjoy life | | | | |
| 41. I look forward to the future | | | | |

CHECK THE ANSWER THAT IS TRUE FOR YOU: **Often** **Sometimes** **Never**

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| 42. My parent(s) usually knows where I am | | | |
| 43. My parent(s) sets rules about the time I have to be home at night | | | |

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| 44. My parent(s) assigns me regular chores | | | |
| 45. My parent(s) limits the number of hours I watch TV | | | |
| 46. I have influence in family decisions that affect me | | | |

47. IN THE PAST YEAR, I HAVE.... (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> been expelled or suspended in school | <input type="checkbox"/> been arrested by the police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> thought seriously about dropping out of school | <input type="checkbox"/> worked part-time for pay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> taken an honors course in math | <input type="checkbox"/> taken a remedial math course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> felt really down about life in general | <input type="checkbox"/> felt hopeless about the future |
| <input type="checkbox"/> used a computer for 10 hours or more (not for class) | <input type="checkbox"/> seen someone get shot or stabbed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> felt seriously depressed | <input type="checkbox"/> taken a remedial English course |

48. THIS SCHOOL YEAR, I.... (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> am on a varsity sports team | <input type="checkbox"/> am active in one or more school organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> am having trouble keeping up with my classes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> am an active member of a church or religious group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read for pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> had disciplinary problems in school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read a newspaper at least 3 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> talked to my parents about issues in the news |
| <input type="checkbox"/> talked to my parents about career plans | <input type="checkbox"/> talked to a teacher about career plans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> talked to a counselor about career plans | <input type="checkbox"/> had attendance problems in school |

49. WHEN I FINISH HIGH SCHOOL, I WILL.... (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> go to a community college | <input type="checkbox"/> enroll in a four-year college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> enlist in a military service | <input type="checkbox"/> get married as soon as possible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> feel like I've escaped from prison | <input type="checkbox"/> leave this community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> continue to live with my parent(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> get a full-time job |
| <input type="checkbox"/> take a year off, then go to college | <input type="checkbox"/> enroll in a vocational, trade, or business school |

50. MOST OF MY FRIENDS: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> plan to graduate from high school | <input type="checkbox"/> are good students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> think I am a good student | <input type="checkbox"/> are active in school clubs or organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> play a lot of sports | <input type="checkbox"/> drink alcohol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> skip school a lot | <input type="checkbox"/> have experimented with drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worry about the future | <input type="checkbox"/> live near me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> plan to go to college | |

51. HOW MANY HOURS A DAY DO YOU SPEND: (write in the number of hours)

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| _____ Watching TV | _____ Doing homework or studying |
| _____ "Hanging out" with friends | _____ Working part-time |
| _____ Reading books for fun | _____ Helping out with chores at home |
| _____ in organized sports or clubs | _____ Discussing school with parents |

52. COMPARED TO OTHERS YOUR AGE, HOW WELL DO YOU:

Better About the same Worse

| | Better | About the same | Worse |
|--|--------|----------------|-------|
| a. Get along with your brothers and sisters (if you have any)? | | | |
| b. Get along with other kids? | | | |
| c. Get along with your parents? | | | |
| d. Do in English or Language Arts? | | | |
| e. Do in Math? | | | |

**CHECK THE ANSWER THAT IS TRUE FOR YOU
NOW OR WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS:**

| | Very True or Often True | Somewhat or Sometimes True | Not True |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 53. I like to help others | | | |
| 54. I stand up for my rights | | | |
| 55. I worry about the future | | | |
| 56. I feel guilty after I do something I shouldn't | | | |
| 57. I hang around with kids who get in trouble | | | |
| 58. I lie | | | |
| 59. I cheat | | | |
| 60. I would rather be with older kids than with kids my own age | | | |
| 61. I run away from home | | | |
| 62. I steal from places other than home | | | |
| 63. I swear or use dirty language | | | |
| 64. I cut classes or skip school | | | |
| 65. I use alcohol or drugs for nonmedical purposes | | | |
| 66. I get in many fights | | | |
| 67. I look forward to the future | | | |

68. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT YOU:

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. Will graduate from high school? | | | | |
| b. Will go to college? | | | | |
| c. Will graduate from college? | | | | |
| d. Will have a job that pays well? | | | | |
| e. Will have a happy family life? | | | | |
| f. Will stay in good health most of the time? | | | | |

69. What is the highest level of education your mother has completed? (Circle your response)

- (1) Elementary school
- (2) Some high school
- (3) High school graduation only
- (4) Finish vocational or trade school
- (5) 1 or 2 years of college
- (6) Finish college (4-year degree)
- (7) Master's degree
- (8) Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent
- (9) Don't know

70. What is the highest level of education your father has completed? (Circle your response)

- (10) Elementary school
- (11) Some high school
- (12) High school graduation only
- (13) Finish vocational or trade school
- (14) 1 or 2 years of college
- (15) Finish college (4-year degree)
- (16) Master's degree
- (17) Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent
- (18) Don't know

71. Who do you live with? (check your response)

- Both your mother and father
- Your mother only
- Your father only
- A guardian

If you live with a guardian what is his/her relationship to you?

(for example, stepmother/father, grandmother/father, foster parent)

72. Parent's type of work, for example, health aide, truck driver, teacher (write in type of work)

Mother: _____ Check here if not employed

Father: _____ Check here if not employed

Guardian: _____ Check here if not employed

(fill in only if you live with)

73. **THIS YEAR**, are you eligible for a free lunch? (Check one)

yes, a free lunch yes, a reduced lunch not eligible

74. **LAST YEAR**, were you eligible for a free lunch? (Check one)

yes, a free lunch yes, a reduced lunch not eligible

75. **HOW MANY** people live in your home or apartment? (write in number)

_____ Female adults

_____ Male adults

_____ Children under 18 years old (including you)

76. How many of your brothers and sisters attended a Child-Parent Center?

_____ (write in number)

77. If you attended a Child-Parent Center, what do you remember most about it?

I give my consent to participate in this study.

Signature

Date

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!