



Parent Involvement Project (PIP) Parent Questionnaire

Study 4

People have different feelings about school. Please circle the number on each line below that best describes your feelings about our school experiences WHEN YOU WERE A STUDENT.

1	My school:	disliked 1	2	3	4	5	liked 6
2	My teachers:	were mean 1	2	3	4	5	were nice 6
3	My teachers:	ignored me 1	2	3	4	5	cared about me 6
4	My school experience:	bad 1	2	3	4	5	good 6
5	I felt like:	an outsider 1	2	3	4	5	I belonged 6
6	My overall experience:	failure 1	2	3	4	5	success 6

Please indicate how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each of the following statements. Please think about the current school year as you consider each statement.

	Disagree very strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a little	Agree just a little	Agree	Agree very strongly	
7	I know how to help my child do well in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	I don't know if I'm getting through to my child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
9	I don't know how to help my child make good grades in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	I feel successful about my efforts to help my child learn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
11	I don't know how to help my child learn.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please indicate how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each of the following statements. Please think about the current school year as you consider each statement.

	Disagree very strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a little	Agree just a little	Agree	Agree very strongly	
12	Teachers at this school are interested and cooperative when they discuss my child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
13	I feel welcome at this school.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please indicate HOW OFTEN the following have happened SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

	never	1 or 2 times this year	4 or 5 times this year	once a week	a few times a week	daily
14 My child's teacher asked me or expected me to help my child with homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
15 My child's teacher asked me to talk with my child about the school day.	1	2	3	4	5	6
16 My child's teacher asked me to attend a special event at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
17 My child's teacher asked me to help out at the school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
18 My child's teacher contacted me (for example, sent a note, phoned, e-mailed).	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents have many different beliefs about their level of responsibility in their children's education. Please respond to the following statements by indicating the degree to which you believe you are responsible for the following.

<i>I believe it's my responsibility to...</i>	Disagree very strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a little	Agree just a little	Agree	Agree very strongly
19 ...volunteer at the school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
20 ...communicate with my child's teacher regularly.	1	2	3	4	5	6
21 ...help my child with homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
22 ...make sure the school has what it needs.	1	2	3	4	5	6
23 ...support decisions made by the teacher.	1	2	3	4	5	6
24 ...stay on top of things at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
25 ...explain tough assignments to my child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
26 ...talk with other parents from my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
27 ...make the school better.	1	2	3	4	5	6
28 ...talk with my child about the school day.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Dear Parent, Please indicate how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each of the following statements. Please think about THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR as you consider each statement.

	Disagree very strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a little	Agree just a little	Agree	Agree very strongly
29 I know about special events at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
30 I have enough time and energy to help out at my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
31 I know enough about the subjects of my child's homework to help him or her.	1	2	3	4	5	6
32 I have enough time and energy to communicate effectively with my child's teacher.	1	2	3	4	5	6
33 I have enough time and energy to attend special events at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
34 I know how to supervise my child's homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
35 I know about volunteering opportunities at my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
36 I know how to explain things to my child about his or her homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
37 I have enough time and energy to help my child with homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
38 I have the skills to help out at my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
39 I have enough time and energy to supervise my child's homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents and families do many different things when they are involved in their children's education. We would like to know how often you have done the following SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Someone in this family...	never	1 or 2 times this year	4 or 5 times this year	once a week	a few times a week	daily
40 ...talks with this child about the school day.	1	2	3	4	5	6
41 ...supervises this child's homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
42 ...helps out at this child's school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
43 ...attends special events at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
44 ...helps this child study for tests.	1	2	3	4	5	6
45 ...volunteers to go on class field trips.	1	2	3	4	5	6
46 ...attends PTA meetings.	1	2	3	4	5	6
47 ...practices spelling, math or other skills with this child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
48 ...reads with this child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
49 ...goes to the school's open-house.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please indicate how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each of the following statements. Please think about the current school year as you consider each statement.

	Disagree very strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a little	Agree just a little	Agree	Agree very strongly
50 Parent activities are scheduled at this school so that I can attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6
51 This school lets me know about meetings and special school events.	1	2	3	4	5	6
52 This school's staff contacts me promptly about any problems involving my child.	1	2	3	4	5	6
53 The teachers at this school keep me informed about my child's progress in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents and families do many different things when they help their children with schoolwork. We would like to know how true the following things are for you and your family when you help your child with schoolwork. Please think about the current school year as you read and respond to each item.

We <u>encourage</u> this child...	Not at all true	A little bit true	Somewhat true	Often true	Mostly true	Completely true
54 ...when he or she doesn't feel like doing schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
55 ...when he or she has trouble <i>organizing</i> schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
56 ...to <i>try new ways</i> to do schoolwork when he or she is having a hard time.	1	2	3	4	5	6
57 ...to be aware of how he or she is doing with schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
58 ...to develop an interest in schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
59 ...to look for more information about school subjects.	1	2	3	4	5	6
60 ...to stick with a problem until he or she solves it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
61 ...to believe that he or she can do well.	1	2	3	4	5	6
62 ...to believe that he or she can learn new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6
63 ...to ask other people for help when a problem is hard.	1	2	3	4	5	6
64 ...to follow the teacher's directions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
65 ...to explain what he or she thinks to the teacher.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents and families do many different things when they help their children with schoolwork. We would like to know how true the following things are *for you and your family* when you help your child with schoolwork. Please think about the *current school year* as you read and respond to each item.

We show this child that we...		Not at all true	A little bit true	Somewhat true	Often true	Mostly true	Completely true
67	...like to learn new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6
68	...know how to solve problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6
69	...enjoy figuring things out.	1	2	3	4	5	6
70	...do not give up when things get hard.	1	2	3	4	5	6
71	...ask others for help when a problem is hard to solve.	1	2	3	4	5	6
72	...can explain what we think to others.	1	2	3	4	5	6
73	...can learn new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6
74	...want to learn as much as possible.	1	2	3	4	5	6
75	...like to solve problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6
76	...try different ways to solve a problem when things get hard.	1	2	3	4	5	6

We show this child <u>we like it when</u> he or she...		Not at all true	A little bit true	Somewhat true	Often true	Mostly true	Completely true
77	...wants to learn new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6
78	...tries to learn as much as possible.	1	2	3	4	5	6
79	...has a good attitude about doing his or her homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
80	...keeps working on homework even when he or she doesn't feel like it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
81	...asks the teacher for help.	1	2	3	4	5	6
82	...explains what he or she thinks to the teacher.	1	2	3	4	5	6
83	...explains to us what he or she thinks about school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
84	...works hard on homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
85	...understands how to solve problems.	1	2	3	4	5	6
86	...sticks with a problem until he or she solves it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
87	...organizes his or her schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
88	...checks his or her work.	1	2	3	4	5	6
89	...finds new ways to do schoolwork when he or she gets stuck.	1	2	3	4	5	6

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90	My child asked me to help explain something about his or her homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
91	My child asked me to supervise his or her homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
92	My child asked me to attend a special event at school.	1	2	3	4	5	6
93	My child asked me to help out at the school	1	2	3	4	5	6
94	My child asked me to talk with his or her teacher.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Parents and families do many different things when they help their children with schoolwork. We would like to know how true the following things are *for you and your family* when you help your child with schoolwork. Please think about the *current school year* as you read and respond to each item.

We <u>teach</u> this child...		Not at all true	A little bit true	Somewhat true	Often true	Mostly true	Completely true
95	...to go at his or her own pace while doing schoolwork.	1	2	3	4	5	6
96	...to take a break from his or her work when he or she gets frustrated.	1	2	3	4	5	6
97	...how to check homework as he or she goes along.	1	2	3	4	5	6
98	...how to get along with others in his or her class.	1	2	3	4	5	6
99	...to follow the teacher's directions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
100	...ways to make his or her homework fun.	1	2	3	4	5	6
101	...how to find out more about things that interest him or her.	1	2	3	4	5	6
102	...to try the problems that help him or her learn the most.	1	2	3	4	5	6
103	...to have a good attitude about his or her homework.	1	2	3	4	5	6
104	...to keep trying when he or she gets stuck.	1	2	3	4	5	6
105	...to stick with his or her homework until he or she finishes it.	1	2	3	4	5	6
106	...to work hard.	1	2	3	4	5	6
107	...to talk with the teacher when he or she has questions.	1	2	3	4	5	6
108	...to ask questions when he or she doesn't understand something.	1	2	3	4	5	6
109	...to make sure he or she understands one part before going on to the next.	1	2	3	4	5	6

We understand that the following information may be of a sensitive nature. We ask for this information because it helps us describe the range of families in our total group. Please bubble the response for each item that best describes you and your family.

1. Your Gender: ___ Female ___ Male

2. Please choose the job that best describes yours
(please choose only **one**):

- ___ Unemployed, retired, student, disabled
- ___ Labor, custodial, maintainance
- ___ Warehouse, factory worker, construction
- ___ Driver (taxi, truck, bus, delivery)
- ___ Food services, resturant
- ___ Skilled Craftsman (plumber, electrician, etc)
- ___ Retail sales, clerical, customer service
- ___ Service technician (appliances, computers, cars)
- ___ Bookkeeping, accounting, related administrative
- ___ Singer/musician/writer/artist
- ___ Real Estate/Insurance Sales
- ___ Social services, public service, related governmental
- ___ Teacher, nurse
- ___ Professional, executive

3. On average, how many hours **per week** do you work?

- ___ 0-5 ___ 21-40
- ___ 6-20 ___ 41 or more

4. Your level of education

(please check highest level completed):

- ___ less than high school ___ bachelor's degree
- ___ high school or GED ___ some graduate work
- ___ some college, 2-year ___ master's degree
- ___ college or vocational ___ doctoral degree

5. Please choose the job that best describes

your **spouse or partner's**:

- ___ No Spouse or Partner
- ___ Unemployed, retired, student, disabled
- ___ Labor, custodial, maintainance
- ___ Warehouse, factory worker, construction
- ___ Driver (taxi, truck, bus, delivery)
- ___ Food services, resturant
- ___ Skilled Craftsman (plumber, electrician, etc)
- ___ Retail sales, clerical, customer service
- ___ Service technician (appliances, computers, cars)
- ___ Bookkeeping, accounting, related administrative
- ___ Singer/musician/writer/artist
- ___ Real Estate/Insurance Sales
- ___ Social services, public service, related governmental
- ___ Teacher, nurse
- ___ Professional, executive

6. Your spouse or partner's level of education
(please check highest level completed):

- ___ less than high school ___ some graduate work
- ___ high school or GED ___ bachelor's degree
- ___ some college, 2-year ___ master's degree
- ___ college or vocational ___ doctoral degree

7. On average, how many hours **per week**
does your spouse or partner work?

- ___ 0-5 ___ 21-40
- ___ 6-20 ___ 41 or more

8. Family income per year (check one):

- ___ less than \$5,000
- ___ \$5,100-\$10,000
- ___ \$10,001-\$20,000
- ___ \$20,001-\$30,000
- ___ \$30,001-\$40,000
- ___ \$40,001-\$50,000
- ___ over \$50,001

9. How many children (under the age of 19)
live in your home?

- ___ 1 ___ 4
- ___ 2 ___ 5
- ___ 3 ___ 6 or more

10. Your Race/Ethnicity:

- ___ Asian/Asian-American
- ___ Black/African-American
- ___ Hispanic/Hispanic-American
- ___ White/Caucasian
- ___ Other

THANK YOU!!!