STUDENT BACKGROUND SURVEY (SBS)

Instructions

Thank you, in advance, for responding to the following questions. This instrument is being administered as part of a long-term research project by WestEd to understand strategies for improving high school economics. WestEd, a research, development, and service agency, works with education and other communities to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning for children, youth, and adults.

This survey is designed to gather your background information, including interest in economics, classroom learning experience, and self-rated learning skills. **There are no right or wrong answers, and you will not be graded on this**. It will take you about 10 minutes to complete it. All your answers will remain confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

Please read each question and indicate the response choice (see example 1) or the point on the scale (see example 2) that best represents your position. Select only one (unless otherwise specified) using " $\sqrt{}$ " for each statement.

Example 1

	Never	A few times a semeste r	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost everyday
How often do you watch TV news					
Example 2	Not At A	A11		Ve	ry Much
I enjoy learning Math					

Student Background Survey (SBS)

1.	Student name: (first)	(last)
2.	Student ID:	
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3.	Grade level:	
4.	Teacher name: (first)	(last)
5.	Period #:	
6.	Your gender:	□ Male
0.	rour genuer.	
7.	Your ethnicity (check one or	□ American Indian or Alaska Native
	more):	
		□ Black or African American
		□ Hispanic or Latino
		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
		□ Other (Specify)
8.	What language do you usually	
	speak at home?	English and another language
		□ A language other than English
9.	Do people in your family speak	
	non-English language at home?	□ Seldom
	nome?	\Box Half the time
		□ Mostly
10.	Is reading or writing English	□ Yes, reading or writing in English is difficult for me.
	ever a problem for you?	□ Sometimes reading or writing in English is difficult for me.
		\Box No, reading or writing in English is not a problem for me.

11.	How much do you LIKE each of the following subjects?	I don't like it very much		I like it very much
a.	Math			
b.	Science			
C.	English			
d.	Social Studies			

12.	How often does each of these things happen in your classes at this school?	Never	Once or twice a semester	Once a month	Once a week	Almost every day
a.	My friends and I talk outside of class about what we are learning in class.					
b.	I try as hard as I can because I am worried about what my friends may think.					
C.	My friends and I study or work together outside of class.					
13.	Do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree
13. a.	Do you agree with the following statements? In this school, getting better grades than others tends to make you less popular.					0,
-	In this school, getting better grades than others					0,
a.	In this school, getting better grades than others tends to make you less popular. In this school, too many students get away with		-			0,
a. b.	In this school, getting better grades than others tends to make you less popular. In this school, too many students get away with being late and not doing their work.		-			0,

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14.	Which courses are you taking THIS semester? Check ALL that apply.	English	Social Studies	Foreign Language	Science	Math	Vocational
a.	Regular course						
b.	College-prep course						
C.	Honor course						
d.	Advanced placement course						
e.	Basic course						
f.	Remedial course						

- How many HOURS PER DAY do you □ No time expect to do homework this \Box Half an hour or less semester, in all your classes? \Box 1 hour \Box 2 hours \Box 3-4 hours □ 5 or more hours What is the course grade you are □ All A's expecting to receive this semester, in □ Mostly A's all your classes? □ A's & B's □ Mostly B's □ B's & C's □ Mostly C's or lower What is the highest degree level you □ Leave before graduating from high school would like to achieve? I would like □ Finish high school to: □ Technical certificate after high school \Box 2-year college degree \Box 4-year college degree □ 4-year college degree plus some further training □ Post graduate degree (medical, law, PhD, MBA)
 - □ Haven't thought about it

18.	On a typical day, are you interested in reading newspaper or magazine articles about:	Not Interested at all		Very Interested
a.	unemployment			
b.	U.S. government politics			
C.	economic issues faced by union workers			
d.	economic issues faced by workers in other countries			
e.	economic issues faced by the poor			
f.	economic issues faced by the elderly			
g.	why the price of some things is higher than the price of other things.			

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16.

17.

Not very good at

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a.	Solving complex real world problems			
b.	Understanding data, graphs and charts			
C.	Working effectively in groups			
d.	Giving presentations in front of the class			
e.	Writing papers or essays			
f	Discussion share shared in the life states			

f. Discussing class-related issues with others

Thank you for completing this survey!!!