

## Retrospective Survey for Grades 3 to 8

### Students Attitude Toward STEM (S-STEM) Survey

#### Student Instructions:

#### Pre-Survey for Students in Grades 3 - 8

**Congratulations! You completed a NASA and Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Collaboration Phase 4 - Engineering Design Challenge (EDC) learning activity!**

We would like to know if you enjoyed our activity or if we need to do something different. You can help by completing this survey below. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers to any of the questions. We want your honest answers. We will not state your name or describe you in any way that anyone could tell that it is you. Please do not write your name on this survey.

On this survey we are asking you to write down the time you start and the time you finish.

Thank you very much for your help!

If you wish to participate in this survey, please continue.

#### Instructions

There are lists of statements on the following pages about your NASA Engineering Design Challenge (EDC) learning activity. Please mark your answer sheets by telling us how you feel about each statement. For example:

Select © for agree D for maybe @ for not sure @ for disagree for each row that says Before EDC and AFTER EDC.

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1. Time started.

2. Enter your five-digit number.

3. Enter the name of your state.

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As you read or have read to you, the sentence, you will know whether you agree or disagree. Fill in one “face” that best describes how much you agree or disagree on each row. Even though some statements are very similar, please answer each statement. This is not timed; work fast, but carefully.

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers! The only correct responses are those that are true for you.

Whenever possible, let the things that have happened to you help you make a choice.

For each statement that follows, fill in one “face” that best describes your responses.

Select © for agree D for maybe @ for not sure @ for disagree

#### 4. Math

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

Math has been my worst subject.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When I am older, I might choose a job that uses math.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I am the type of student who does well in math.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I can understand most subjects easily, but math is difficult for me.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

In the future, I could do hard math problems.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I can get good grades in math.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I am good at math.

**After EDC**

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For each statement that follows, fill in one "face" that best describes your responses.

### 5. Science

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

I feel good about myself  
when I do science.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I might choose a career  
in science.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

After I finish high school,  
I will use science often.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When I am older,  
knowing science will  
help me earn money.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When I am older, I will  
need to understand  
science for my job.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I know I can do well in  
science.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Science will be  
important to me in my  
future career.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I can understand most  
subjects easily, but  
science is hard for me to  
understand.

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

In the future, I could do  
harder science work.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I have fun learning  
science/engineering.

**After EDC**

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Please read this paragraph before you answer the questions. Engineers use math and science to make things and solve problems. Engineers design and improve things like bridges, cars, machines, foods, and computer games. Technologists build, test, and take care of the designs that engineers create.

### 6. Engineering and Technology

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

I like to imagine making new products.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

If I learn engineering, then I can improve things that people use every day.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I am good at building or fixing things.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I am interested in what makes machines work.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Designing products or structures will be important in my future jobs.

**After EDC**

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

Knowing how to use  
math and science  
together will help me to  
invent useful things.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I believe I can be  
successful in  
engineering.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I enjoy playing games  
that teach me about  
science/engineering.

**After EDC**



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### 7. 21st Century Learning

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

I can lead others to reach a goal.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I like to help others do their best.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

In school and at home, I can do things well.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I respect all children my age even if they are different from me.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I try to help other children my age.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When I make decisions, I think about what is good for other people.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When things do not go how I want, I can change my actions for the better.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I can make my own goals for learning.

**After EDC**

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

I can use time wisely when working on my own.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

When I have a lot of homework, I can choose what needs to be done first.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

I can work well with all students, even if they are different from me.

**After EDC**

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Below is a list of types of work that you could do when you are older. As you read about each type of work, you will know if you think that work is interesting. Fill in the circle under the words that describe how interested you are in doing that when you are older. There is no “right” or “wrong” answers. The only correct responses are those that are true for you.

### 8. Your Future

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

#### **Before EDC**

##### **Biology:** People

work

with animals and plants and how they live. They also study farm animals and the food that they make, like milk. They can use what they know to invent products for people to use.

#### **After EDC**

#### **Before EDC**

##### **Chemistry:** People

work with chemicals.

They invent new chemicals and use them to make new products, like paints, medicine, and plastic.

#### **After EDC**

#### **Before EDC**

##### **Computer Science:**

People write instructions to run a program that a computer can follow.

They design computer games and other programs. They also fix and improve computers for other people.

#### **After EDC**

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

**Earth Science:** People work with the air, water, rocks and soil. Some tell us if there is pollution and how to make the earth safer and cleaner. Other earth scientists forecast the weather.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Energy/Electricity:** People invent, improve and maintain ways to make electricity or heat. They also design the electrical and other power systems in buildings and machines.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Engineering:** People use science, math and computers to build different products (everything from airplanes to toothbrushes). Engineers make new products and keep them working.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Environmental Work:** People study how nature works. They study how waste and pollution affect the environment. They also invent solutions to these problems.

**After EDC**

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

**Mathematics:** People use math and computers to solve problems. They use it to make decisions in businesses and government. They use numbers to understand why different things happen, like why some people are healthier than others.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Medicine:** People learn how the human body works. They decide why someone is sick or hurt and give medicines to help the person get better. They teach people about health, and sometimes they perform surgery.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Medical Science:** People study human diseases and work to find answers to human health problems.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

**Physics:** People study motion, gravity and what things are made of. They also study energy, like how a swinging bat can make a baseball switch directions. They study how different liquids, solids and gas can be turned into heat or electricity.

**After EDC**

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

**Veterinary Work:**

People who prevent disease in animals. They give medicines to help animals get better and for animal and human safety.

**After EDC**

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### 9. About Yourself

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

Do you know any adults who work as scientists?

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Do you know any adults who work as engineers?

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Do you know any adults who work as mathematicians?

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Do you know any adults who work as technologists?

**After EDC**

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### How curious are you about these topics?

#### 10. Curiosity

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

Science

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Technology

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Engineering

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

Math

**After EDC**



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### 11. Demographic Information

What is your birthday (MM/DD/YYYY)? Month: \_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### 12. What grade did you enter this school year?

- 
- 3rd  6th
- 4th 5th  7th 8th

### 13. Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

Yes

No

### 14. What is your Race (One or more categories may be selected)?

- American Indian or Alaska  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Native  Asian  White or Caucasian
- Black or African American

### 15. Are you (Select only one)?

Female

Male

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---End of Test Survey---

**Please provide feedback on your experience with this survey by answering the following questions.**

16. Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with each statement.

Agree

Maybe

Not Sure

Disagree

**Before EDC**

The survey instructions were clear.

**After EDC**

**Before EDC**

The questions were easy to understand.

**After EDC**

17. Time Finished