

## Core Survey

### Middle School Questionnaire

2023–2024

**BLACK = ALL**

**GREEN = In-School Only**

**RED = Remote Only**

**PINK = Branching response**

This survey asks about your behavior, experiences, and attitudes related to your school, health, and well-being. The survey also includes questions about use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and bullying and violence.

The survey is **anonymous** and **confidential**. No one will ever be able to connect you with your answers. Your answers are private.

**You do not have to answer these questions**, but your answers will be very helpful in improving school and health programs. **You will be able to answer** whether or not you have done or experienced any of these things.

This survey asks about things you may have done during different periods of time, such as during your **lifetime** (you ever did something), or the past **12 months**, or **30 days**. Each provides different information. Please pay careful attention to these time periods.

**Thank you for taking this survey!**

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### Your School Schedule

- Which of the following best describes your school schedule during the past 30 days?
  - I went to school in person at my school building for the entire day, Monday through Friday. [**In-School Model**]
  - I participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to school in person. [**Remote Learning Model**]

**Next, we would like some background information about you.**

- What grade are you in?
  - 6th grade
  - 7th grade
  - 8th grade
  - 9th grade
  - 10th grade
  - 11th grade
  - 12th grade
  - Other grade
  - Ungraded
- What is your gender?
  - Male
  - Female
  - Nonbinary
  - Something else
- Some people describe themselves as transgender when how they think or feel about their gender is different from the sex they were assigned at birth. Are you transgender?
  - No, I am not transgender
  - Yes, I am transgender
  - I am not sure if I am transgender
  - Decline to respond
- Which of the following best describes you?
  - Straight (not gay)
  - Lesbian or Gay
  - Bisexual
  - Something else
  - Not sure
  - Decline to respond

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6. What is your race or ethnicity? *(Mark All That Apply.)*
- |                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| A) American Indian or Alaska Native | E) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| B) Asian or Asian American          | F) White                               |
| C) Black or African American        | G) Something else                      |
| D) Hispanic or Latinx               |  |
7. If you are Asian or Pacific Islander, which groups best describe you? *(Mark All That Apply.)*  
If you are **not** of Asian or Pacific Islander background, mark “A) Does not apply.”
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| A) Does not apply; I am not Asian or Pacific Islander | G) Japanese  |
| B) Asian Indian                                       | H) Korean  |
| C) Cambodian  | I) Laotian   |
| D) Chinese  | J) Vietnamese  |
| E) Filipino   | K) Native Hawaiian, Guamanian, Samoan, Tahitian, or other Pacific Islander |
| F) Hmong  | L) Other Asian   |
8. If you are Hispanic or Latinx, which groups best describe you? *(Mark All That Apply.)*  
If you are **not** of Hispanic or Latinx background, mark “A) Does not apply.”
- A) Does not apply; I am not Hispanic or Latinx
  - B) Colombian
  - C) Cuban
  - D) Dominican
  - E) Guatemalan
  - F) Honduran
  - G) Mexican
  - H) Puerto Rican
  - I) Salvadoran
  - J) Other Hispanic or Latinx
9. What best describes where you live? A home includes a house, apartment, trailer, or mobile home.
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A) A home with one or more parent or guardian | E) Foster home, group care, or waiting placement                        |
| B) Other relative’s home                      | F) Hotel or motel   |
| C) A home with more than one family           | G) Shelter, car, campground, or other transitional or temporary housing |
| D) Friend’s home                              | H) Other living arrangement   |

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10. What is the highest level of education your parents or guardians completed? *(Mark the educational level of the parent or guardian who went the furthest in school.)*
- A) Did not finish high school
  - B) Graduated from high school
  - C) Attended college but did not complete four-year degree
  - D) Graduated from college
  - E) Don't know
11. Is your father, mother, or guardian currently in the military (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves)?
- A) No
  - B) Yes
  - C) Don't know
12. What language is spoken most of the time in your home?
- A) English
  - B) Spanish
  - C) Mandarin
  - D) Cantonese
  - E) Taiwanese
  - F) Tagalog
  - G) Vietnamese
  - H) Korean
  - I) Arabic
  - J) Other

**APPLICABLE FOR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT HOME. [IF Q12 = B-J]**

*How well do you understand, speak, read, and write English?*

	Very Well	Well	Not Well	Not At All
12A. Understand English	A	B	C	D
12B. Speak English	A	B	C	D
12C. Read English	A	B	C	D
12D. Write English	A	B	C	D

13. Are you in the English Learner Program at school?
- A) No
  - B) Yes
  - C) Don't know

**IF 13 = B, THEN 14; ELSE GO TO 15**

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14. How many years have you been in the English Learner Program across all schools you've attended?
- A) Less than 3 years
  - B) 3 to 4 years
  - C) 5 to 6 years
  - D) 7 or more years
15. Do you have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or get special education services?
- A) No
  - B) Yes
  - C) Don't know
  - D) Prefer not to say
16. What time did you go to bed last night?
- A) Before 7:00 pm
  - B) 7:00–7:59 pm
  - C) 8:00–8:59 pm
  - D) 9:00–9:59 pm
  - E) 10:00–10:59 pm
  - F) 11:00–11:59 pm
  - G) 12:00–12:59 am
  - H) After 1:00 am
17. Did you eat breakfast today?
- A) No
  - B) Yes
18. In the past **30 days**, how often did you miss an entire day of school for any reason?
- A) I did not miss any days of school in the past 30 days
  - B) 1 day
  - C) 2 days
  - D) 3 or more days
19. How many days a week do you usually go to your school's afterschool program?
- A) I do not attend my school's afterschool program
  - B) 1 day
  - C) 2 days
  - D) 3 days
  - E) 4 days
  - F) 5 days

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**The next set of questions ask about your experiences participating in school from home.**

**Participating in school from home means that, instead of going to a school building in person to learn and complete schoolwork, you did your schoolwork and learning from home.**

20. In the past **30 days**, how many weekdays in an average week did you participate in **school from home** for an entire school day?
- A) 0 days
  - B) 1 day
  - C) 2 days
  - D) 3 days
  - E) 4 days
  - F) 5 days
21. On the average weekday, how much of your day did you spend learning and completing **schoolwork from home**?
- A) Less than 1 hour
  - B) Between 1 and 2 hours
  - C) Between 2 and 3 hours
  - D) Between 3 and 4 hours
  - E) Between 4 and 5 hours
  - F) More than 5 hours
22. How many days in the past week did you participate in an online class from home where your teacher talked to students from a computer, phone, or tablet (iPad)?
- A) 0 days
  - B) 1 day
  - C) 2 days
  - D) 3 days
  - E) 4 days
  - F) 5 days
23. In the past **30 days**, how often did you miss an entire day of remote learning classes for any reason?
- A) I did not miss an entire day of remote learning classes
  - B) 1 day
  - C) 2 days
  - D) 3 or more days

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**The next questions ask about your experiences with school in general.**

24. During the past **12 months**, how would you describe the grades you mostly received in school?
- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| A) Mostly A's  | E) Mostly C's  |
| B) A's and B's | F) C's and D's |
| C) Mostly B's  | G) Mostly D's  |
| D) B's and C's | H) Mostly F's  |
25. In the past **30 days**, did you miss a day of school for any of the following reasons? (*Mark All That Apply.*)
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A) Does not apply; I didn't miss any school   | G) Had to take care of or help a family member or friend                        |
| B) Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth | H) Wanted to spend time with friends  |
| C) Were being bullied or mistreated at school   | I) Used alcohol or drugs  |
| D) Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry                               | J) Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment |
| E) Didn't get enough sleep  | K) Were bored or uninterested in school   |
| F) Didn't feel safe at school or going to and from school                             | L) Had no transportation to school  |
|   | M) Other reason   |
26. In the past **30 days**, did you miss a day of **school from home** for any of the following reasons? (*Mark All That Apply.*)
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A) Does not apply; I didn't miss any school   | E) Had to take care of or help a family member or friend                        |
| B) Illness (feeling physically sick), including problems with breathing or your teeth | F) Wanted to spend time with friends  |
| C) Felt very sad, hopeless, anxious, stressed, or angry                               | G) Used alcohol or drugs  |
| D) Didn't get enough sleep  | H) Were behind in schoolwork or weren't prepared for a test or class assignment |
|   | I) Were bored or uninterested in school   |
|   | J) Other reason   |

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*How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree Nor Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
27. I feel close to people at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
28. I feel close to people from this school.	A	B	C	D	E
29. I am happy to be at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
30. I am happy with this school.	A	B	C	D	E
31. I feel like I am part of this school.	A	B	C	D	E
32. The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	A	B	C	D	E
33. The teachers treat students fairly.	A	B	C	D	E
34. I feel safe in my school.	A	B	C	D	E
35. My school is usually clean and tidy.	A	B	C	D	E
36. Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what students are expected to learn in class.	A	B	C	D	E
37. Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.	A	B	C	D	E
38. School staff take parent concerns seriously.	A	B	C	D	E
39. It is hard for me to stay focused when doing my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E
40. I am interested in the schoolwork I do when participating in school from home.	A	B	C	D	E
41. I try hard to make sure that I am good at my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E
42. I try hard on my schoolwork because I am interested in it.	A	B	C	D	E
43. I work hard to try to understand new things when doing my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E
44. I am always trying to do better in my schoolwork.	A	B	C	D	E



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*How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?*

	Strongly Disagree										Strongly Agree
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
45. School is really boring.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
46. School is worthless and a waste of time.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K

**Please mark on your answer sheet how TRUE you feel each of the following statements is about your SCHOOL.**

*There is a teacher or some other adult from my school...*

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
47. who really cares about me.	A	B	C	D
48. who tells me when I do a good job.	A	B	C	D
49. who provides me with interesting activities to do while I am participating in school from home.	A	B	C	D
50. who notices when I'm not there.	A	B	C	D
51. who always wants me to do my best.	A	B	C	D
52. who checks on how I am feeling.	A	B	C	D
53. who listens to me when I have something to say.	A	B	C	D
54. who believes that I will be a success.	A	B	C	D

*At school,...*

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
55. I do interesting activities.	A	B	C	D
56. I help decide things like class activities or rules.	A	B	C	D

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	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
57. I do things that make a difference.	A	B	C	D
58. I have a say in how things work.	A	B	C	D
59. I help decide <b>school</b> activities or rules.	A	B	C	D

*When I participate in school,...*

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
60. I do interesting activities.	A	B	C	D
61. I help decide things like <b>class</b> activities or rules.	A	B	C	D
62. I do things that make a difference.	A	B	C	D
63. I have a say in how things work.	A	B	C	D
64. I help decide <b>school</b> activities or rules.	A	B	C	D

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**The next questions ask about the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs, including pills or medications, to get “high” or for reasons other than medical, as ordered or prescribed by a doctor.**

### Keep the following definitions in mind:

- **One drink of ALCOHOL**, or alcoholic drink (beverage), means one regular size can/bottle of beer or hard seltzer, one glass of wine, one mixed drink, or one shot glass of liquor.
- Questions about alcohol do **not** include drinking a few sips of wine for religious purposes.
- **DRUG** means any substance other than alcohol or tobacco, including pills and medications, used to get “high” (“loaded,” “stoned,” or “wasted”) or for purposes other than prescribed by a doctor.
- **VAPES or VAPE PRODUCTS**: Electronic devices like vape pens, e-cigarettes, e-hookah, hookah pens, e-vaporizers, tanks, pods, or mods used to inhale a vapor. Can be used to vape many things, including nicotine or just flavoring. Popular brands are JUUL, Suorin, SMOK, Zodiac Constellation, and Stiiizy.

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During your **life**, how many times have you used the following?

	<u>Number of Times</u>					
	<u>0 Times</u>	<u>1 Time</u>	<u>2 Times</u>	<u>3 Times</u>	<u>4-6 Times</u>	<u>7 or More Times</u>
65. A cigarette, <b>even one or two puffs</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
66. A <b>whole</b> cigarette	A	B	C	D	E	F
67. <b>Smokeless tobacco</b> (dip, chew, or snuff)	A	B	C	D	E	F
68. <b>Vape products</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F

[ASKED IF Q68 = B, C, D, E, or F]

68.A Vaped tobacco or nicotine	A	B	C	D	E	F
68.B Vaped marijuana or THC	A	B	C	D	E	F
68.C Vaped other product	A	B	C	D	E	F
69. One <b>full drink of alcohol</b> (such as a can of beer, glass of wine, hard seltzer, or shot of liquor)	A	B	C	D	E	F
70. <b>Marijuana</b> (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	A	B	C	D	E	F
71. <b>Inhalants</b> (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high” such as glue, paint, aerosol sprays, gasoline, poppers, gases)	A	B	C	D	E	F
72. <b>Relevan</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
73. <b>Any other drug, pill, or medicine</b> to get “high” or for reasons other than medical	A	B	C	D	E	F

During your **life**, how many times have you been...

	<u>Number of Times</u>					
	<u>0 Times</u>	<u>1 Time</u>	<u>2 Times</u>	<u>3 Times</u>	<u>4-6 Times</u>	<u>7 or More Times</u>
74. very drunk or sick after drinking <b>alcohol</b> ?	A	B	C	D	E	F
75. “high” (loaded, stoned, or wasted) from using <b>drugs</b> ?	A	B	C	D	E	F
76. drunk on alcohol or “high” on drugs <b>on school property</b> ?	A	B	C	D	E	F

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**[APPLICABLE FOR LIFETIME MARIJUANA USERS ONLY – Ask of students who reported ever using marijuana [IF Q70 = B, C, D, E, or F]**

During your **life**, how many times have you used marijuana in any of the following ways:

	Number of Times					
	0 Times	1 Time	2 Times	3 Times	4-6 Times	7 or More Times
77. <b>Smoke it?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
78. In a <b>vaping device</b> (vape pens, mods, or portable vaporizers)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
79. Eat or drink it in products made with <b>marijuana?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F

During the past **30 days**, on how many **days** did you use...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
80. <b>cigarettes?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
81. <b>smokeless tobacco</b> (dip, chew, or snuff)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
82. <b>vape products?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>[ASKED IF Q82 = B, C, D, E, or F]</b>						
82.A Vaped tobacco or nicotine	A	B	C	D	E	F
82.B Vaped marijuana or THC	A	B	C	D	E	F
82.C Vaped other product	A	B	C	D	E	F
83. <b>one or more</b> drinks of alcohol?	A	B	C	D	E	F
84. <b>five or more drinks of alcohol</b> in a row, that is, within a couple of hours?	A	B	C	D	E	F
85. <b>marijuana</b> (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
86. <b>inhalants</b> (things you sniff, huff, or breathe to get “high”)?	A	B	C	D	E	F

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During the past **30 days**, on how many **days** did you use...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
<b>87. any other drug, pill, or medicine</b> to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?	A	B	C	D	E	F

During the past **30 days**, on how many days **on school property** did you...

	0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3-9 Days	10-19 Days	20-30 Days
<b>88. smoke cigarettes?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>89. use smokeless tobacco</b> (dip, chew, or snuff)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>90. vape?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>91. have at least one drink of alcohol?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>92. use marijuana</b> (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)?	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>93. use any other drug, pill, or medicine</b> to get “high” or for reasons other than medical?	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>94. breathe the smoke or vapor from someone who was using cigarettes or e-cigarettes?</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F

How much do people risk harming themselves physically and in other ways when they do the following?

	How Much Risk or Harm			
	Great	Moderate	Slight	None
<b>95. Smoke cigarettes occasionally</b>	A	B	C	D
<b>96. Smoke 1 or more packs of cigarettes each day</b>	A	B	C	D
<b>97. Vape tobacco or nicotine occasionally</b>	A	B	C	D
<b>98. Vape tobacco or nicotine several times a day</b> (100 puffs or more)	A	B	C	D
<b>99. Drink alcohol</b> (beer, wine, liquor) occasionally	A	B	C	D
<b>100. Have five or more drinks of alcohol once or twice a week</b>	A	B	C	D

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	How Much Risk or Harm			
	Great	Moderate	Slight	None
101. Use marijuana occasionally (smoke, vape, eat, or drink)	A	B	C	D
102. Use marijuana daily	A	B	C	D

*How difficult is it for students in your grade to get any of the following if they really want them?*

	Very Difficult	Fairly Difficult	Fairly Easy	Very Easy	Don't Know
103. Cigarettes	A	B	C	D	E
104. Vape products	A	B	C	D	E
105. Alcohol	A	B	C	D	E
106. Marijuana	A	B	C	D	E
107. Prescription drugs to get “high” or for reasons other than prescribed	A	B	C	D	E

108. Does your school ban tobacco use and vaping on school property and at school sponsored events?

- A) No
- B) Yes
- C) Don't know

109. In a normal week, how many days are you home after school for at least one hour without an adult there?

- A) Never
- B) 1 day
- C) 2 days
- D) 3 days
- E) 4 days
- F) 5 days

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**Next are questions about violence, safety, harassment, & bullying on school property.**

110. How safe do you feel when you are at school?

- A) Very safe
- B) Safe
- C) Neither safe nor unsafe
- D) Unsafe
- E) Very unsafe

*During the past **12 months**, how many times **on school property** have you...*

	Happened on School Property			
	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
111. been pushed, shoved, slapped, hit, or kicked by someone who wasn't just kidding around?	A	B	C	D
112. been afraid of being beaten up?	A	B	C	D
113. been in a physical fight?	A	B	C	D
114. had mean rumors or lies spread about you?	A	B	C	D
115. had sexual jokes, comments, or gestures made to you?	A	B	C	D
116. been made fun of because of your looks or the way you talk?	A	B	C	D
117. had your property stolen or deliberately damaged, such as your car, clothing, or books?	A	B	C	D
118. been offered, sold, or given an illegal drug?	A	B	C	D
119. damaged school property on purpose?	A	B	C	D
120. carried a gun?	A	B	C	D
121. carried any other weapon (such as a knife or club)?	A	B	C	D
122. been threatened or injured with a weapon (gun, knife, club, etc.)?	A	B	C	D
123. seen someone carrying a gun, knife, or other weapon?	A	B	C	D
124. been threatened with harm or injury?	A	B	C	D
125. been made fun of, insulted, or called names?	A	B	C	D



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During the past **12 months**, how many times did students from your school...

	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
<b>126.</b> spread mean rumors or lies spread about you?	A	B	C	D
<b>127.</b> make sexual jokes, comments, or gestures toward you?	A	B	C	D
<b>128.</b> make fun of you because of your looks or the way you talk?	A	B	C	D
<b>129.</b> make fun of you, insult you, or call you names?	A	B	C	D

During the past **12 months**, how many times **on school property** were you harassed or bullied for any of the following reasons? [You were **bullied** if you were shoved, hit, threatened, called mean names, teased, or had other unpleasant physical or verbal things done to you repeatedly or in a severe way. It is **not bullying** when two students of about the same strength or power quarrel or fight.]

	Happened on School Property			
	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
<b>130.</b> Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	A	B	C	D
<b>131.</b> Your religion	A	B	C	D
<b>132.</b> Your gender	A	B	C	D
<b>133.</b> Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
<b>134.</b> A physical or mental disability	A	B	C	D
<b>135.</b> You are an immigrant or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
<b>136.</b> Any other reason	A	B	C	D

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During the past **12 months**, how many times **did students from your school** harass you or bully you for any of the following reasons? [You were bullied if you were threatened, called mean names, teased, or had other unpleasant verbal or physical things done to you repeatedly or in a severe way. It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength or power quarrel or fight.]

	0 Times	1 Time	2 to 3 Times	4 or More Times
137. Your race, ethnicity, or national origin	A	B	C	D
138. Your religion	A	B	C	D
139. Your gender	A	B	C	D
140. Because you are gay, lesbian, or bisexual or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
141. A physical or mental disability	A	B	C	D
142. You are an immigrant or someone thought you were	A	B	C	D
143. Any other reason	A	B	C	D
144. During the past <b>12 months</b> , how many times did other students spread mean rumors or lies, or hurtful pictures, about you online, on social media, or on a cell phone? A) 0 times (never) B) 1 time C) 2–3 times D) 4 or more times				
145. Do you consider yourself a member of a gang? A) No B) Yes				
146. During the past <b>12 months</b> , did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for <b>two weeks or more</b> that you stopped doing some usual activities? A) No B) Yes				
147. During the past <b>12 months</b> , did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide? A) No B) Yes				

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Over the past **30 days**, how true do you feel these statements are about you?

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
148. I had a hard time relaxing.	A	B	C	D
149. I felt sad and down.	A	B	C	D
150. I was easily irritated.	A	B	C	D
151. It was hard for me to cope and I thought I would panic.	A	B	C	D
152. It was hard for me to get excited about anything.	A	B	C	D

Please tell us how true each statement is of you.

	Not At All True	A Little True	Pretty Much True	Very Much True
153. Each day I look forward to having a lot of fun.	A	B	C	D
154. I usually expect to have a good day.	A	B	C	D
155. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad things.	A	B	C	D

### Please describe your level of satisfaction below

I would describe my satisfaction with...

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	A Little Dissatisfied	A Little Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
156. my family life as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
157. my friendships as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
158. my school experience as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
159. myself as...	A	B	C	D	E	F
160. where I live as...	A	B	C	D	E	F

## Core Survey

161. How many questions in this survey did you answer honestly?
- A) All of them
  - B) Most of them
  - C) Only some of them
  - D) Hardly any