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Interviewer's Name _____

Date _____

Survey Number _____

Student's Name _____ **ID Number** _____

School _____

Gifted Program? (Yes / No)

GPA _____

Course Enrollment and Grades

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

(7) _____

(8) _____

Achievement Test Scores: (Name of achievement test _____)

GRADE	reading	vocabulary	language	math	social studies	science
Other						
4						
8						

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Attitudes Toward School and Achievement Survey

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Purpose:

This questionnaire will help school personnel understand how you and other students feel about school and the things that happen in school. It contains several sections that ask how you feel about:

(a) school, (b) school subjects, (c) taking tests, and (d) friends and classmates. You will also be asked questions about yourself, your teachers, and your family.

Directions:

Read each question carefully. Then mark one answer that is closest to what you think and how you feel. Remember—this is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. It is important to tell what you really think and how you feel. For most of the sections, you will indicate whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree:



SD means “strongly disagree”

D means “disagree”

A means “agree”

SA means “strongly agree”



Confidentiality:

Your answers to these questions will be kept confidential. You will not be identified and your individual answers will not be shared with anyone.

Your participation in this study is appreciated.

Note. Some of the statements use the term “Black,” others use “African-American.”

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I am going to ask you some questions about yourself, your friends, school and family. I will put a check by the answer that you believe describes you the best. Answer as honestly as possible. If you don't understand a question, please tell me and I will explain it to you. Okay?

1. **Gender:** Male () Female ()

2. **How old are you?** _____

3. **What grade are you in?**
7th () 8th () 9th ()

4. **Are you participating in a gifted program (e.g., honors courses, enrichment courses)?**
No ()
Yes ()

5. **How do you describe your race?**
Black or African American () White or European American ()
Hispanic or Latin American () Other _____ ()

6. **Whom do you live with?**
Mother () Father ()
Mother and Father () Other relative or guardian ()

7. **Do you any of your grandparents, cousins, aunts or uncles live with you?**
No ()
Yes ()

8. **What is the highest level of schooling for your mother or guardian?**
Did not graduate from high school ()
General education degree (GED) ()
High school degree/diploma ()
Went to college but did not graduate ()
College degree ()

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9. **What is the highest level of schooling for your father or guardian?**

- Did not graduate from high school ()
- General education degree (GED) ()
- High school degree/diploma ()
- Went to college but did not graduate ()
- College degree ()

10. **Does your mother/guardian work?**

- No ()
- Yes ()
- Don't know ()

IF YES, WHAT DOES SHE DO? _____

11. **Does your father/guardian work?**

- No ()
- Yes ()
- Don't know ()

IF YES, WHAT DOES HE DO? _____

12. **Which do you receive?**

- free lunch ()
- reduced lunch ()
- pay full price ()

The next set of questions is different from those you just answered. These questions will ask about your ideas or beliefs about school work. Please answer as honestly as possible. Do you have any questions?

EDUCATION

1a. **What type of grades do you usually get in school? (check all that apply.)**

- As () Bs () Cs ()
- Ds () Fs () Other ()

1b. **What was your grade point average for the last grading period? ____**

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2. What do your teachers say about your effort on school work?

- You don't try at all ()
- You should try harder ()
- You try hard ()

3. What is your favorite class in school?

4. Why is this your favorite class?

5. What class do you dislike most?

6. Why do you dislike this class?

7. How important is school to you?

- Not Important ()
- Important ()
- Very Important ()

8. Do you want to go to college?

- I don't know ()
- No, I don't want to go ()
- Yes, I want to go ()

9. What do you want to be when you grow up?

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10. **Do you spend a lot of time doing homework?**

No ()
Yes ()

11. **About how many hours per day do you spend on homework?** hours

12. **Do you spend more time watching TV than studying?**

No ()
Yes ()

13. **Do you spend more time doing homework than playing and hanging out with your friends?**

No ()
Yes ()

14. **Could you do better in school if you tried?**

No ()
Yes ()

15. **Do you want to do better in school?**

No ()
Yes ()