

Teaching Thinking Project Parent Survey

Name: _____ Date: _____

Gender: _____ M _____ F Date of Birth: _____

We are interested in learning about parents' experiences as their daughters prepare for college. With this in mind, we would like you to respond to some questions about your daughter's education and college preparation.

Please answer the following questions as accurately as possible. Some of the questions will require you to write a brief answer. Others will require you to circle the number that is the best answer to the question. If the question could have more than one answer, we will ask you to circle all the numbers that apply.

1. From what country does your family originate? Length of time in the United States?

Your Age: _____

2. How would you describe your cultural background?

3. How important is it for you that your daughter receives an education?

1	2	3	4	5
extremely important	very important	not sure	a little important	somewhat important

4. Please explain why.

5. How do you let your daughter know how important it is for you that she gets an education? *Circle all that apply.*

1 = talk to her about it	4 = take her to libraries, museums
2 = set an example	5 = other _____
3 = give her educational books	

6. How interested in learning was your daughter when she was
a) 5 to 10 years old?

1	2	3	4	5
extremely interested	very interested	not sure	a little interested	somewhat interested

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b) 11 to 15 years old?

1	2	3	4	5
extremely interested	very interested	not sure	a little interested	somewhat interested

c) 15 and older?

1	2	3	4	5
extremely interested	very interested	not sure	a little interested	somewhat interested

7. What languages are spoken at your home? *Circle all that apply.*

1 = English
2 = Spanish
3 = Chinese
4 = other _____

8. How were your daughter's interests encouraged? *Circle all that apply.*

1 = through words of support
2 = helping her find information on her area of interest
3 = giving her things that would help her develop her area of interest (for example, an instrument, books, a baseball bat)
4 = arranging for her to attend after school activities/classes
5 = other _____

9. In what area(s) has your daughter been successful? *Circle all that apply.*

1 = sports
2 = arts/dance/music
3 = school work
4 = getting along with people (social skills)
5 = other _____

10. As your daughter was growing up, were there any activities that you did with her to help her learn?

1 = yes
2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 12.

11. Please give 3 examples of activities that you did with your daughter that focused on learning.

12. Did you encourage your daughter to achieve better grades?

1 = yes
2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 14.

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13. How did you encourage your daughter to achieve better grades? *Circle all that apply.*
1 = through words of support
2 = studying with her
3 = giving her educational materials to help her get better grades
4 = arranging for additional classes/tutoring
5 = gifts/money rewards
6 = other _____
14. Did you reward your daughter for getting good grades?
1 = yes 2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 16.
15. How was your daughter rewarded for getting good grades? *Circle all that apply.*
1 = earned curfew privileges
2 = received money for high grades
3 = treated her to dinner, movies or the like
4 = received additional attention (for example, more hugs, smiles, compliments)
5 = other _____

Now we would like you to focus on the time when your daughter was in *junior high school*.

16. On a typical day, what did your daughter do after school? *Circle all that apply.*
1 = went to an after school program 4 = played sports
2 = "hung out" with friends 5 = took other classes
3 = studied home alone 6 = library
7 = other _____
17. Did your daughter need help with homework?
1 = yes 2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 19.
18. Who helped your daughter with homework and assignments? *Circle all that apply.*
1 = me 6 = adult friend(s)
2 = other parent 7 = her classmate(s)
3 = sibling(s) 8 = teacher(s)
4 = grandparent(s) 9 = mentor(s)
5 = relative(s)

The remaining questions refer to the years when your daughter was in *high school*.

19. Did your daughter need help with homework?
1 = yes 2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 21.

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20. Who helped your daughter with homework and assignments? *Circle all that apply.*
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| 1 = me | 6 = adult friend(s) |
| 2 = other parent | 7 = her classmate(s) |
| 3 = sibling(s) | 8 = teacher(s) |
| 4 = grandparent(s) | 9 = mentor(s) |
| 5 = relative(s) | |
21. On a typical day, how did your daughter spend the time after school? *Circle all that apply.*
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|------------------------------|--|
| 1 = working | 4 = playing sports |
| 2 = hanging out with friends | 5 = taking additional classes/tutoring |
| 3 = studying | 6 = other _____ |
22. What kind of involvement did you have with your daughter's school and teachers? *Circle all that apply.*
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 = met with teachers | 4 = volunteered to assist teachers |
| 2 = belong to parents' group | 5 = other _____ |
| 3 = organized fund raising drives | |
23. Has your daughter been interested in a particular profession?
1 = yes 2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 25.
24. What fields of work does she want to be involved in? *Circle all that apply.*
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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 = business | 6 = arts |
| 2 = medicine | 7 = entertainment |
| 3 = law | 8 = sports |
| 4 = education | 9 = other _____ |
| 5 = engineering | |
25. What type of profession do you wish for your daughter?
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 = business | 6 = arts |
| 2 = medicine | 7 = entertainment |
| 3 = law | 8 = sports |
| 4 = education | 9 = other _____ |
| 5 = engineering | |
26. In your own words, what do you think your daughter can accomplish?
- _____
- _____
- _____
27. Do you tell your daughter about your dreams and hopes for her?
1 = yes 2 = no

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28. What do you share with your daughter about your dreams and hopes for her future?

Now, we would like you to focus on your daughter's *junior and senior year in high school*.

29. Did your daughter apply to college?

1 = yes 2 = no

If your answer is "no," you completed the questionnaire. Please return it to us in the self-addressed stamped envelope. *Thanks for your cooperation.*

30. Is your daughter currently attending college?

1 = yes 2 = no

31. Were you one of the people who help your daughter find information about college?

1 = yes 2 = no

If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 33.

32. How did you help her? *Circle all that apply.*

- 1 = accompanied her to the library
- 2 = helped her make plans to visit schools
- 3 = talked with her about the schools I know
- 4 = referred her to friends/family who know about applying to college
- 5 = offered encouragement, guidance, support
- 6 = other _____

33. How did you help your daughter decide to which college she would *apply*?

34. How did you help her? *Circle all that apply.*

- 1 = accompanied her to the library
- 2 = helped her make plans to visit schools
- 3 = talked with her about the schools I know
- 4 = referred her to friends/family who know about applying to college
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35. Did your daughter show her application materials to you?

1 = yes 2 = no

36. Did she request your assistance in completing the application?

1 = yes 2 = no

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37. Did your daughter prepare for the college interview?
1 = yes 2 = no
If your answer is "no" please go to Question # 39.
38. How did you help your daughter prepare for the college interview(s)? *Circle all that apply.*
1 = helped her get information about preparing for interviews
2 = rehearsed the interview with her
3 = put her in contact with someone who has been on a college interview
4 = other _____
39. Are you planning to support your daughter financially throughout college?
1 = yes 2 = no
40. What was your role in deciding what college your daughter would *attend*?
1 = discussed with her what did she like and didn't like about the schools
2 = told her what I liked and didn't like about the schools, what I could afford
3 = she made the decision on her own
4 = other (tell us more)

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