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

4. Please explain why.

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

b) 11 to 15 years old?

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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.

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12. Did you encourage your daughter to achieve better grades?
1 = yes
2 = no
If your answer is “no” please go to Question # 14.
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.
20. Who helped your daughter with homework and assignments? Circle all that apply.
   1 = me
   2 = other parent
   3 = sibling(s)
   4 = grandparent(s)
   5 = relative(s)
   6 = adult friend(s)
   7 = her classmate(s)
   8 = teacher(s)
   9 = mentor(s)

21. On a typical day, how did your daughter spend the time after school? Circle all that apply.
   1 = working
   2 = hanging out with friends
   3 = studying
   4 = playing sports
   5 = taking additional classes/tutoring
   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
   2 = belong to parents’ group
   3 = organized fund raising drives
   4 = volunteered to assist teachers
   5 = other ____________________

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.
   1 = business
   2 = medicine
   3 = law
   4 = education
   5 = engineering
   6 = arts
   7 = entertainment
   8 = sports
   9 = other ____________________

25. What type of profession do you wish for your daughter?
   1 = business
   2 = medicine
   3 = law
   4 = education
   5 = engineering
   6 = arts
   7 = entertainment
   8 = sports
   9 = other ____________________

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

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

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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
   5 = offered encouragement, guidance, support
   6 = other _____________________________

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
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)

You completed the questionnaire. Please return it to us in the self-addressed stamped envelope. *Thanks for your cooperation.*