

Newcomer Students' Survey - Fall 2009

Student's General Information: Please fill-in the blanks or check the appropriate box for this section.

1. Subject Studying in this class: _____
2. Teacher's name: _____
3. Your Name: _____
4. Student ID#: _____ 5. How old are you? _____ 6. Grade level: _____
7. Gender: Male Female 8. What is your first language? _____
9. What is your country of origin? _____
10. How long have you been in the USA? _____
11. What grade level did you finish in your country of origin? _____
11b. If "no schooling" check this box

Directions: We are interested in finding out about some of your experiences in school. Please, for the following items, check the box that corresponds to your answer.

12. How many days of school did you miss over the past four weeks?
 None 1 to 2 days 3 to 4 days
 5 to 10 days More than 10 days
13. How many times were you late for school over the past four weeks?
 None 1 or 2 days 3 or 4 days
 5 to 10 days More than 10 days
14. How much time do you spend doing homework for this class each week?
 None Less than 1 hour a week 1 to 2 hours a week
 3 to 4 hours a week More than 4 hours a week
15. Mark the statement that best describes your grades from classes last semester.
 Mostly A's (an average of 90-100)
 Mostly B's (an average of 80-89)
 Mostly C's (an average of 70-79)
 Mostly D's (an average of 60-69)
 Mostly below D (Below 60)
16. Mark the statement that best describes your grades, so far, from classes this semester.
 Mostly A's (an average of 90-100)
 Mostly B's (an average of 80-89)
 Mostly C's (an average of 70-79)
 Mostly D's (an average of 60-69)
 Mostly below D (Below 60)

Please tell us about your family life in the USA

17. Who do you live with?
 Mother only Father only Mother and Father

- Mother and Step-father Father and Step-mother
 Grandparents Other, please specify _____

18. Do your parent(s)/Guardian(s) work? (Please check all that apply).
 My mother works My father works
 My Step-parent works Other, please explain _____

19. Do you live with other children? (Please check all that apply).
 Brother/Sister Half brother/sister
 Cousins Nieces/Nephews

20. Who helps with the childcare if parent(s) or Guardian(s) are working?
 Sibling Grandparent
 Friend I do the childcare
 Other (please specify) _____

21. Do you have a job?
 yes no

22. Approximately, how many hours do you work in a week (including weekends)?
 1-4 hours 5-10 hours 11-15 hours
 16-20 hours 21-25 hours more then 25 hours

23. Why do you work?
 Personal money To help with family expenses
 Money for college Other (please specify) _____

Language and the School Environment

24. Does your teacher ever allow you to talk with your classmates or get help on class assignments in your native language?
 Yes No

25. When you need help using English for daily activities, such as grocery shopping or at your work, who are the three people that you most commonly ask for help?
 No one My Teacher My Parent/Guardian My Brother/Sister
 My Friends My Counselor Church member Other _____

26. Have you joined any groups at school? (Check all that apply).
 Sports Team Academic Club
 Theatre Arts Other Academic Program (explain) _____

27. Have you joined any groups or organizations outside of school? (Check all that apply).
 YMCA or Club Community Program
 Church Program Other (Please explain) _____

Directions: We are interested in finding out about some of your perceptions and beliefs about this class. Please, for the following items, check or bubble the box that corresponds to your answer.

	YES	NO
28. I am very good in the subject I am studying in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29. Most students in this class do better than me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30. I am one of the best students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
31. I do my work as well as other students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
32. I am one of the poorest performing students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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| 33. When I start an assignment, I usually finish it even if I need to ask for help. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 34. When I do well in this class, it is because I work hard. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 35. When I do my work in this class, I am usually careful to make sure I do it right. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 36. When I have hard work in this class, I usually keep trying to finish it even if it takes more time. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 37. Sometimes I am lucky to do well in this class given the difficulty of the subject. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 38. I expect to do well in this class since I know how to do most of the work and when I have questions I ask for help. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 39. I am treated the same as other students in this class. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 40. I get the same amount of help from the teacher as do other students. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 41. My teacher calls on me as much as other students. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 42. I get the same chance to answer questions in class as other students. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 43. My work receives as much praise as other students' work. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 44. My teacher helps me when I have trouble with my work. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 45. My teacher carefully checks all my work. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 46. My teacher lets me know when my work is good. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 47. My teacher always tells me how I am doing in class. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 48. My teacher does tell me why I get problems or answers wrong for the work I do in this class. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 49. I think I have what it takes to succeed in school. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 50. I plan to finish high school. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 51. I plan to go to college. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 52. I plan to finish college. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 53. What I am learning in this class will help me in my future career. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 54. I need help in figuring out how to succeed in school. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 55. Sometimes I feel that I am not going to make it through school. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 56. I usually translate, in my head, to my first language in order to understand what I need to do in class. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 57. Many of the things we do in this class I already learned while in school in my country of origin. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 58. When I cannot do a problem, I usually think about it in my first language and that helps me to figure out how to solve it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Thank you!