



Student Career Survey

Grades 11/12

Completion of this survey is voluntary. There are no penalties for not completing it.

School Name _____

Directions: We would like to know what you think about careers and work. Please react to the following statements by circling the number that best describes how you feel about each statement.

Definitions: **Nontraditional careers** are those that were not selected by one sex or the other in the past. For example, a **nontraditional** career for a women would be an electrician or mechanic. A nontraditional career for a man would be a nurse or secretary.

School Section	Agree	Unsure	Disagree
1. I am encouraged to take courses that I need for careers of the future	3	2	1
2. I would like to know more about future career possibilities	3	2	1
3. Teachers actively encourage me to consider a wide range of career choices, including those that are nontraditional	3	2	1
4. In our school, there are support groups for students choosing nontraditional careers	3	2	1
5. The counselor maintains up-to-date career publications that help me make career choices	3	2	1
6. Some courses in our school are "boys' courses" and some are "girls' courses"	3	2	1
7. Generally, teachers treat male and female students the same	3	2	1
8. Teachers pay more attention to boys	3	2	1
9. Teachers pay more attention to girls	3	2	1
10. Career and vocational courses are designed so the content is appropriate to both females and males	3	2	1
11. Teachers expect the same achievement from females and males	3	2	1
Work Section			
12. Most women work because of economic need	3	2	1
13. Ninety percent of women work for pay most of their life	3	2	1
14. Women make up 17 percent of physicians in Wisconsin	3	2	1
15. The average physician's salary in the U.S. is \$164,000 a year	3	2	1
16. Nurses earn about \$32,885 a year in Wisconsin	3	2	1
17. Women make up 8 percent (two out of 25) of the engineers in the United States	3	2	1
18. Most men will work for pay most of their lives	3	2	1
19. Starting annual salary for engineers is \$35,000	3	2	1
20. Ninety-seven percent of all secretaries are women	3	2	1

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	Agree	Unsure	Disagree
21. Secretaries annually earn about \$14,500	3	2	1
22. Most men work because of economic need	3	2	1
23. I think it is okay that both women and men are moving into jobs that may not be usual for their sex	3	2	1
24. "Women's jobs" and "men's jobs" are becoming a thing of the past	3	2	1
25. I expect to work at a paying job most of my life	3	2	1
26. Women, as well as men, work to provide for themselves and for their families	3	2	1
27. I would support a man's choice to be a nurse	3	2	1
28. I would support a woman's choice to be a carpenter	3	2	1
29. A person has a legal right to seek any job and may not be refused a job based on his or her sex	3	2	1
30. I would consider owning my own business	3	2	1
Family Section			
31. Nearly half of single-parent families live in poverty	3	2	1
32. Fifty-three percent of the people in poverty are women who are the main source of income for their families	3	2	1
33. My parents have helped me explore possible careers	3	2	1
34. My parents know about job market demands and training required for jobs	3	2	1
35. I have learned about a wide variety of careers from watching TV	3	2	1
Self-Awareness Section			
36. My friends and I generally have the same kinds of career goals	3	2	1
37. I plan to have a career	3	2	1
38. I plan to have a career and a family	3	2	1
39. I feel good about myself	3	2	1
40. My parents would support me in whatever career I choose	3	2	1
41. My male friends would support me in whatever career I choose	3	2	1
42. My female friends would support me in whatever career I choose	3	2	1
43. I believe it is important to be independent and economically self-sufficient	3	2	1
44. I enjoy trying new and different things	3	2	1
45. I feel I can be whatever I want to be	3	2	1
46. I am good at making decisions	3	2	1
47. The way I feel about my abilities affects my willingness to try new things	3	2	1
41. Check one:	<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> female	
42. Check the grade you are in:	<input type="checkbox"/> 11th	<input type="checkbox"/> 12th	

Source: Bitters, Barbara and Susan Foxwell. *Wisconsin Model for Sex Equity in Career and Vocational Education*. Madison, WI: Department of Public Instruction, 1993.