



# Student Career Survey

Grades 9/10/11

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 have been encouraged to enroll in vocational courses based on my abilities and interests	3	2	1
2. Women and men in nontraditional careers have come to talk about their jobs to students in our school	3	2	1
3. I know someone who is in a nontraditional career	3	2	1
4. Teachers generally treat male and female students the same	3	2	1
5. Teachers actively encourage me to consider a wide range of career choices, including those that are nontraditional	3	2	1
6. In our school, there are support groups for students enrolled in nontraditional classes	3	2	1
7. Teachers expect the same achievement from males and females	3	2	1
8. Teachers point out examples of stereotyping in textbooks and other materials	3	2	1
9. My counselor suggests classes I need for my career choice	3	2	1
10. The counselors maintain up-to-date career information that can be used in making career choices	3	2	1
11. Counselors have helped me with my career choices	3	2	1
12. In our school, there are courses that clearly are "boys' courses" and "girls' courses"	3	2	1
13. Career and vocational courses are designed so the content is appropriate to both males and females	3	2	1
<b>Work Section</b>			
14. I will work at a paying job most of my life	3	2	1
15. Fifty-three percent of the people living below the poverty level are women who are the main source of income for their families	3	2	1
16. Nine out of ten women work for pay sometime during their lives	3	2	1

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	Agree	Unsure	Disagree
17. The average woman will work outside the home between 20 to 40 years in her lifetime	3	2	1
18. Women make up 17 percent of physicians in Wisconsin	3	2	1
19. The average physician's salary in the U.S. is \$164,000	3	2	1
20. Nurses earn an average annual salary of \$32,885 in Wisconsin	3	2	1
21. Ninety-seven percent of all secretaries are women	3	2	1
22. Secretaries make an average annual salary of \$14,500	3	2	1
23. On average, women make 70 cents for every dollar men make	3	2	1
24. "Women's jobs" and "men's jobs" are becoming a thing of the past	3	2	1
<b>Family Section</b>			
25. My parents encourage me to explore different career possibilities	3	2	1
26. My parents believe the career I choose should pay well	3	2	1
27. I have learned about different careers from watching TV	3	2	1
28. I plan to have a career	3	2	1
29. I plan to have a family and a career	3	2	1
30. My parents would support me in whatever career I choose	3	2	1
<b>Self-Awareness Section</b>			
31. My future career is important, so I want to start preparing for it now by taking the right classes	3	2	1
32. Women, as well as men, work to provide for themselves and for their families	3	2	1
33. I believe I have the right to enroll in any course in our school	3	2	1
34. I feel good about myself	3	2	1
35. I view my career primarily as a way to make some extra money	3	2	1
36. I view my career primarily as something to do before marriage	3	2	1
37. I view my career primarily as a way to use and develop my abilities	3	2	1
38. I view my career primarily as a lifetime experience that helps meet economic and psychological needs	3	2	1
39. I feel I could be whatever I want to be	3	2	1
40. I feel that I am good at many 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"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th			

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