



Student Career Survey

Grades 7/8/9

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. In our school, teachers treat boys and girls the same way	3	2	1
2. Teachers help me consider many different career choices, including those that are nontraditional	3	2	1
3. In our school, there are courses that are clearly "boys' courses" and "girls' courses"	3	2	1
4. Teachers expect the same things from girls and boys	3	2	1
5. In my classes, boys and girls are placed in separate groups for activities or projects	3	2	1
6. I believe I have the right to enroll in any course in the school	3	2	1
I will plan my high school classes based on:			
7. my interests	3	2	1
8. what I am good at	3	2	1
9. what classes my friends are taking	3	2	1
10. what I need for education beyond high school	3	2	1
11. what I need for a career	3	2	1
In school, I am encouraged to do good work in:			
12. math	3	2	1
13. science	3	2	1
14. reading	3	2	1
15. Doing good work in school is important to me	3	2	1
16. Doing good work in school will help me prepare for a good career	3	2	1
Work Section			
17. Most women work because they need the money	3	2	1
18. Most people living below the poverty level are women and their children	3	2	1
19. Women and men should be trained to get good jobs	3	2	1

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	Agree	Unsure	Disagree
20. Nine out of ten women work for pay sometime during their lives	3	2	1
21. Most men work because they need the money	3	2	1
22. Women make up 8 percent (two out of 25) of engineers in the United States	3	2	1
23. Engineers make an average annual salary of \$35,000	3	2	1
24. Ninety-seven percent of all secretaries are women	3	2	1
25. Secretaries make an average annual salary of \$14,500	3	2	1
26. Overall, women make 70 cents for every dollar men make.	3	2	1
27. "Women's jobs" and "men's jobs" are becoming a thing of the past	3	2	1
Family Section			
28. More and more children live in homes with just one parent today	3	2	1
29. I have learned about different careers from watching TV	3	2	1
30. In our family, males and females share jobs at home	3	2	1
31. I plan to have a career	3	2	1
32. I plan to have a family and a career	3	2	1
33. In most families, both parents work at jobs outside the home	3	2	1
Self-Awareness Section			
34. I would like to find out more about possible careers	3	2	1
35. The career I choose is important to my parents	3	2	1
36. I feel good about myself	3	2	1
37. I feel I could be whatever I want to be when I grow up	3	2	1
38. The way I feel about myself affects how well I do something	3	2	1
39. I enjoy learning to do new things	3	2	1
40. I feel that I am good at many things	3	2	1
41. My parents would support me in whatever career I choose	3	2	1
The place I would go to get help in planning my career is:			
42. parents	3	2	1
43. teachers	3	2	1
44. other people I know	3	2	1
45. school counselors	3	2	1
46. Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female			
47. Check the grade you are in: <input type="checkbox"/> 7th <input type="checkbox"/> 8th <input type="checkbox"/> 9th			

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