

* Questions marked with an asterisk (*) were not asked of all respondents.

INTRODUCTION

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\* Just to confirm, our records indicate that [your 9th grader] is [male/female]. Is this correct?

Yes

No  
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* What is [your 9th grader]'s sex?

Male

Female
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## SECTION A: Family Structure

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Now we have some questions about [your 9th grader]'s family.
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What is your relationship to [your 9th grader]?

Biological mother

Biological father

Adoptive mother

Adoptive father

Stepmother

Stepfather

Foster mother

Foster father

Female partner of [your 9th grader]'s parent or guardian

Male partner of [your 9th grader]'s parent or guardian

Grandmother

Grandfather

Other female relative

Other male relative

Other female guardian

Other male guardian  
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* Does [your 9th grader] have biological, adoptive, step- or foster parents who live in your household?

Yes, one parent in household

Yes, two parents in household

No parents in household
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\* What [is this parent's relationship/are these parents' relationships] to [your 9th grader]?

First Parent

Biological mother

Biological father

Adoptive mother

Adoptive father  
Stepmother  
Stepfather  
Foster mother  
Foster father  
Second Parent  
Biological mother  
Biological father  
Adoptive mother  
Adoptive father  
Stepmother  
Stepfather  
Foster mother  
Foster father

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- \* Do you have a spouse or partner who lives in the same household as you and [your 9th grader]?  
Yes, a spouse  
Yes, a partner  
No
- ~~~~~

- \* What is your [spouse/partner]'s relationship to [your 9th grader]?  
Biological mother  
Biological father  
Adoptive mother  
Adoptive father  
Stepmother  
Stepfather  
Foster mother  
Foster father  
Female partner of 9th grader's parent or guardian  
Male partner of 9th grader's parent or guardian  
Grandmother  
Grandfather  
Other female relative  
Other male relative  
Other female guardian  
Other male guardian
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- \* [What is [your/this parent's] current marital status?/What is the marital relationship of these parents?]  
Married  
Divorced  
Separated  
Never Married  
Widowed
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We would like to know how many people live in your household including yourself, [any parents/guardians], and [your 9th-grader]. How many people living in your household are...  
under the age of 18?  
18 years of age or older?

How much of the time does [your 9th grader] live with you?  
All of the time  
More than half of the time  
Half of the time  
Less than half of the time or  
None of the time

\* With whom does [he/she/your 9th-grader] live most of the time when not living with you?  
With another parent  
With another adult relative  
With a friend  
At boarding school  
With a nonrelated adult guardian(s)  
By [himself/herself/himself or herself]  
Other

Does [your 9th-grader] have any siblings who are currently attending [your 9th-grader's school] or have attended [your 9th-grader's school] within the past 5 years? Please include all brothers and sisters including adopted siblings, stepsiblings, and foster siblings.  
Yes  
No

How many older siblings does [your 9th grader] have? Please include all older brothers and sisters including adopted siblings, stepsiblings, and foster siblings.

**SECTION B: Family's Origin and Language**

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Now we would like to learn about your family's origin.
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[Are you/Is parent #1] Hispanic or [Latino/Latina]?

Yes

No  
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* Which one of the following [are you/is parent #1]?

Mexican, Mexican-American or Chicano/Chicana

Cuban

Dominican

Puerto Rican

Central American such as Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Nicaraguan, Costa Rican, Panamanian, or Honduran

South American such as Colombian, Argentinean, or Peruvian or

Other Hispanic or Latino/Latina
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[In addition to learning about [your/parent #1's] Hispanic background, we would also like to know about [your/his/her] racial background.]

Which of the following choices describe [your/parent #1's] race? You may choose more than one.  
(Check all that apply.)

White

Black or African American

Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native  
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* Which one of the following [are you/is parent #1]?

Chinese

Filipino

Southeast Asian such as Vietnamese or Thai

South Asian such as Asian Indian or Sri Lankan or

Other Asian
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In what year [were you/was parent #1] born?  
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[Were you/was parent #1] born in the United States, in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, or in another country?

United States

Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory

Another country
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\* In which country [were you/was parent #1] born?  
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* In what year did [you/parent #1] come to the United States to stay permanently?

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\* Is [parent #2] Hispanic or [Latino/Latina]?

Yes

No  
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* Which one of the following is [parent #2]?

Mexican, Mexican-American or [Chicano/Chicana]

Cuban

Dominican

Puerto Rican

Central American such as Guatemalan, Salvadoran, Nicaraguan, Costa Rican, Panamanian, or Honduran

South American such as Colombian, Argentinean, or Peruvian or

Other Hispanic or [Latino/Latina]
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\* [In addition to learning about [parent #2's] Hispanic background, we would also like to know about [parent #2's] racial background.]

Which of the following choices describe [parent #2's] race? You may choose more than one.

(Check all that apply.)

White

Black or African American

Asian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaska Native  
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* Which one of the following is [parent #2]?

Chinese

Filipino

Southeast Asian such as Vietnamese or Thai

South Asian such as Asian Indian or Sri Lankan or

Other Asian
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\* In what year was [parent #2] born?  
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* Was [parent #2] born in the United States, in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, or in another country?

United States

Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory

Another country
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\* In which country was [parent #2] born?  
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* In what year did [parent #2] come to the United States to stay permanently?
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Now we have a question about your 9th grader.

Was [your 9th grader] born in the United States, in Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory, or in another country?

United States  
Puerto Rico or another U.S. territory  
Another country

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* In which country was [he/she] born?

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\* In what year did [he/she] come to the United States to stay permanently?

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* In what grade was [your 9th grader] placed when [he/she] started school in the United States?

Pre-kindergarten
Kindergarten
1st grade
2nd grade
3rd grade
4th grade
5th grade
6th grade
7th grade
8th grade
9th grade

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Is any language other than English regularly spoken in your home?

Yes  
No

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* What languages other than English are regularly spoken in your home?
(Check all that apply.)

Spanish
A European language other than Spanish such as French, German or Russian
A Chinese language
A Filipino language
A Southeast Asian language such as Vietnamese, Thai or Cambodian
A South Asian language such as Hindi or Tamil
Another Asian language such as Japanese or Korean
A Middle Eastern language such as Arabic or Farsi
Another language

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\* Is English also regularly spoken in your home?

Yes  
No

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* What language do you usually speak to [your 9th grader] in your home?

English
Spanish
A European language other than Spanish (such as French, German or Russian)
A Chinese language
A Filipino language

A Southeast Asian language (such as Vietnamese, Thai, or Cambodian)
A South Asian language (such as Hindi or Tamil)
An Asian language (such as Japanese or Korean)
A Middle Eastern language (such as Arabic or Farsi)
Another language

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\* What language does [he/she] usually speak to you in your home?

English  
Spanish  
A European language other than Spanish (such as French, German or Russian)  
A Chinese language  
A Filipino language  
A Southeast Asian language (such as Vietnamese, Thai, or Cambodian)  
A South Asian language (such as Hindi or Tamil)  
An Asian language (such as Japanese or Korean)  
A Middle Eastern language (such as Arabic or Farsi)  
Another language

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* How difficult is it for you to participate in activities at [your 9th grader]'s school because you or member's of your family speak a language other than English? Would you say...

very difficult
somewhat difficult or
not at all difficult?

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Has [your 9th grader] ever been enrolled in a program for English language learners (ELLs) such as English as a Second Language (ESL), English immersion, or bilingual education?

Yes  
No  
Don't know

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* Is [he/she] currently enrolled in an English as a Second Language (ESL), English immersion, or bilingual education program?

Yes
No
Don't know

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**SECTION C: Parent's Education and Occupation**

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Next we would like some information about your family's educational background and occupations.
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What is the highest level of education [you have/parent #1 has] completed?

- Less than high school
  - High school diploma or GED
  - Associate's degree
  - Bachelor's degree
  - Master's degree
  - Educational Specialist diploma
  - Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
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\* What was the major field of study for [your/parent #1's] [highest degree completed]?

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* What was the major field of study for [your/parent #1's] Bachelor's degree?
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\* [Have you/Has parent #1] started, but not completed, any work on a degree beyond [highest degree completed]?

(If [you have/parent #1 has] started more than one of the degrees listed below, please select the higher degree.)

- No, [you have/parent #1 has] not started any other degree
  - Yes, started but not completed an Associate's degree
  - Yes, started but not completed a Bachelor's degree
  - Yes, started but not completed a Master's degree
  - Yes, started but not completed an Education Specialist diploma
  - Yes, started but not completed a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
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During the past week, did [you/parent #1] work for pay or income? (If [you/parent #1] held a job but [was/were] not working because of temporary illness, vacation, strike, or jury duty answer "yes.")

- Yes
  - No
- ~~~~~

\* [Have you/Has parent #1] ever held a regular job for pay or income?

- Yes
  - No
- ~~~~~

\* About how many total hours per week [do/does/did] [you/he/she] usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?

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* [What is / In [your/her/his] most recent job, what was] [your/her/his] job title? If [you/she/he] [have/has/had] more than one job, describe the one at which [you/she/he] [work/works/worked] the most hours. What [do/does/did] [you/she/he] actually do in that job? That is, what [are/were] [your/her/his] main activities or duties?"
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\* What is the highest level of education [parent #2] has completed?



Less than high school  
High school diploma or GED  
Associate's degree  
Bachelor's degree  
Master's degree  
Educational Specialist diploma  
Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree

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* What was the major field of study for [parent #2's] [highest degree completed]?
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\* What was the major field of study for [parent #2's] Bachelor's degree?  
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* Has [parent #2] started, but not completed, any work on a degree beyond [highest degree completed]?

(If [he/she] has started more than one of the degrees listed below, please select the higher degree.)

No, [he/she] has not started any other degree
Yes, started but not completed an Associate's degree
Yes, started but not completed a Bachelor's degree
Yes, started but not completed a Master's degree
Yes, started but not completed an Education Specialist diploma
Yes, started but not completed a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree

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\* During the past week, did [parent #2] work for pay or income?

(If [he/she] held a job but was not working because of temporary illness, vacation, strike, or jury duty answer "yes.")

Yes  
No

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* Has [he/she] ever held a regular job for pay or income?

Yes
No

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\* About how many total hours per week does [does/did] [parent #2] usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs?  
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* [What is / In [parent #2] most recent job, what was] [parent #2's] job title? If [parent #2] [has/had] more than one job, describe the one at which [parent #2] [works/worked] the most hours. What [does/did] [parent #2] do in that job? That is, what [are/were] [parent #2's] main activities or duties?
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Income is a key family characteristic that factors into many research questions including how family finances affect students' ability to go to college. This information is critically important to the success of this study and will be kept completely confidential.

What was your total household income from all sources prior to taxes and deductions in calendar year 2008? Please include all income such as income from work, investments and alimony.  
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* We understand that you may not be able to provide an exact number for your family's income. However, it would be extremely helpful if you would indicate which of the following ranges best estimates your total household income from all sources prior to taxes and deductions in calendar year 2008. Please include all income such as income from work, investments and alimony.

\$15,000 or less
\$15,001 - \$35,000
\$35,001 - \$55,000
\$55,001 - \$75,000
\$75,001 - \$95,000
\$95,001 - \$115,000
\$115,001 - \$135,000
\$135,001 - \$155,000
\$155,001 - \$175,000
\$175,001 - \$195,000
\$195,001 - \$215,000
\$215,001 - \$235,000
More than \$235,000

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Do you...

pay mortgage towards or own your home  
rent your home or  
have some other arrangement?

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SECTION D: Previous Educational Experiences

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Now we have some questions about [your 9th grader]'s previous educational experiences.  
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Since starting kindergarten, has [your 9th grader] repeated any grades?

Yes

No

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\* What grades did [he/she] repeat?  
(Check all that apply.)

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

9th Grade  
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Has a doctor, health care provider, teacher, or school official ever told you that [your 9th grader] has any of the following conditions?

Specific learning disability

Yes

No

Any developmental delay that affects [his/her] ability to learn

Yes

No

Autism, Asperger's Disorder, pervasive developmental disorder, or other autism spectrum disorder

Yes

No

Hearing problems or vision problems that cannot be corrected with glasses or contact lenses

Yes

No

Bone, joint, or muscle problems

Yes

No

Intellectual disability or mental retardation

Yes

No

Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, that is, ADD or

Yes

No

~~~~~  
Does [your 9th grader] currently receive Special Educational Services? Students receiving these services often have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Is [your 9th grader] currently taking medication for ADD or ADHD?

- Yes
- No

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Compared with other 9th graders, would you say [your 9th grader] experiences a lot, a little, or no difficulty in the following areas?

- Learning, understanding, or paying attention
  - A lot of difficulty
  - A little difficulty
  - No difficulty
- Speaking, communicating, or being understood
  - A lot of difficulty
  - A little difficulty
  - No difficulty
- Feeling anxious or depressed
  - A lot of difficulty
  - A little difficulty
  - No difficulty
- Behavior problems, such as acting-out, fighting, bullying, or arguing
  - A lot of difficulty
  - A little difficulty
  - No difficulty
- Making and keeping friends
  - A lot of difficulty
  - A little difficulty
  - No difficulty

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Since starting kindergarten, has [your 9th grader] skipped any grades?

- Yes
- No

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\* What grades did [he/she] skip?  
(Check all that apply.)

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade
- 6th Grade

7th Grade  
8th Grade

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Is [your 9th grader] currently enrolled in any honors classes?

Yes
No

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How many times has [your 9th grader] changed schools since [he/she] entered kindergarten? Do not count changes that occurred as a result of promotion to the next grade or level, for instance, a move from an elementary school to a middle school or from a middle school to a high school in the same district.

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Since starting kindergarten, has [your 9th grader] ever stopped going to school for a period of a month or more other than for illness, injury or vacation?

Yes
No

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Since starting kindergarten, has [he/she] ever been suspended or expelled from school? Do not count detentions.

Yes  
No

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During the last school year (2008-2009), how many times were you or another family member contacted by the school about [your 9th grader]'s...

problem behavior in school?

Never
Once or twice
Three or four times
More than four times

poor attendance record at school?

Never
Once or twice
Three or four times
More than four times

poor academic performance?

Never
Once or twice
Three or four times
More than four times
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**SECTION E: Parent's Involvement**

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Next we have some questions about your involvement in [your 9th grader]'s school, education and [his/her] home life.
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Is [your 9th-grader's school] a regularly assigned school or a school that you chose?

Assigned

Chosen, or

[your 9th grader] was assigned to [your 9th-grader's school], but you would have chosen it if you had a choice.

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Since the beginning of this school year (2009-2010), have you or other adults in your household... attended a general school meeting such as an open house or a back-to-school night?

Yes

No

attended a meeting of the parent-teacher organization or association?

Yes

No

gone to a regularly scheduled parent-teacher conference with [your 9th grader]'s teacher?

Yes

No

attended a school or class event such as a play, dance, sports event or science fair because of [your 9th grader]?

Yes

No

served as a volunteer in [your 9th grader]'s classroom or elsewhere in the school?

Yes

No

participated in fundraising for the school?

Yes

No

met with a school counselor in person?

Yes

No

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During this school year, about how many days in an average week do you or another adult in your household help [your 9th grader] with homework? Would you say...

never

less than once a week

1 or 2 days a week

3 or 4 days a week or

5 or more days a week?

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How confident do you feel about your ability to help [your 9th grader] with the homework [he/she] has this year in each of the following subjects?

Math

Very confident

Somewhat confident

Not at all confident

Science

Very confident

Somewhat confident

Not at all confident

English or language arts

Very confident

Somewhat confident

Not at all confident

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In general, how would you compare males and females in the following subjects?

Math

Females are much better

Females are somewhat better

Females and males are the same

Males are somewhat better

Males are much better

Science

Females are much better

Females are somewhat better

Females and males are the same

Males are somewhat better

Males are much better

English or language arts

Females are much better

Females are somewhat better

Females and males are the same

Males are somewhat better

Males are much better

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During the last 12 months, has [your 9th-grader] participated in any of the following activities outside of school?

(Check all that apply.)

Music, dance, art, or theater

Organized sports supervised by an adult

Religious youth group or religious instruction

Scouting or another group or club activity

Academic instruction outside of school such as from a Saturday Academy, learning center, personal tutor or summer school program

A math or science camp

Another camp

None of these

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During the last 12 months, which of the following activities have you or another family member done with [your 9th grader]?

(Check all that apply.)

Visited a zoo, planetarium, natural history museum, transportation museum, or a similar museum

Worked or played on a computer together

Built or fixed something such as a vehicle or appliance

Attended a school science fair

Helped [your 9th grader] with a school science fair project

Discussed a program or article about math, science, or technology

Visited a library

Gone to a play, concert, or other live show

None of these

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SECTION F: 9th Grader's Future

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Now we have several questions about [your 9th grader]'s future.  
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If there were no barriers, how far in school would you want [your 9th grader] to go?

- Less than high school
 - High school diploma or GED
 - Start but not complete an Associate's degree
 - Complete an Associate's degree
 - Start but not complete a Bachelor's degree
 - Complete a Bachelor's degree
 - Start but not complete a Master's degree
 - Complete a Master's degree
 - Start but not complete a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
 - Complete a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
- ~~~~~

As things stand now, how far in school do you think [he/she] will actually get?

- Less than high school
 - High school diploma or GED
 - Start but not complete an Associate's degree
 - Complete an Associate's degree
 - Start but not complete a Bachelor's degree
 - Complete a Bachelor's degree
 - Start but not complete a Master's degree
 - Complete a Master's degree
 - Start but not complete a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
 - Complete a Ph.D., M.D., law degree, or other high level professional degree
 - Don't know
- ~~~~~

Whatever [your 9th grader]'s plans, do you think [he/she] has the ability to complete a Bachelor's degree? Would you say...

- definitely
 - probably
 - probably not or
 - definitely not?
- ~~~~~

Have you or anyone in your family talked with a counselor or teacher about the academic requirements for admission to a college or a technical institute after high school?

- Yes
 - No
- ~~~~~

* Do you think [your 9th grader] will start [his/her] college education at...

- a technical institute
- a community college or other Associate's granting school besides a technical institute
- a Bachelor's granting 4-year college or
- you have not thought about this yet?

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\* When do you think [he/she] will start [his/her] education after high school?

- Within 3 months after completing high school
  - Within 6 months after completing high school
  - Within one year after completing high school
  - More than one year after completing high school
- ~~~~~

\* Would you say [he/she] is more likely to attend a public or private 4-year college, or have you not thought about this yet?

- Public
  - Private
  - Haven't thought about this yet
- ~~~~~

\* Is [he/she] more likely to attend an in-state or out-of-state public college, or have you not thought about this yet?

- In-state
  - Out-of-state
  - Haven't thought about this yet
- ~~~~~

\* Have you gotten information about the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at a specific [in-state public/out-of-state public/private] college?

- Yes
  - No
- ~~~~~

\* What is the cost of one year's tuition and mandatory fees at that public 4-year college in your state?

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* Is that tuition and mandatory fees only, or does that also include other fees such as room and board?

- Tuition and mandatory fees only
 - Tuition, mandatory fees, and other fees
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* What is the cost of one year's tuition and mandatory fees at that private 4-year college? Include the cost of courses and required fees such as student activity fees and student health fees. Do not include optional expenses such as room and board.

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\* Is that tuition and mandatory fees only, or does that also include other fees such as room and board?

- Tuition and mandatory fees only
  - Tuition, mandatory fees, and other fees
- ~~~~~

\* What is the cost of one year's tuition and mandatory fees at that out-of-state public 4-year college? Include the cost of courses and required fees such as student activity fees and student health fees. Do not include optional expenses such as room and board.

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* Is that tuition and mandatory fees only, or does that also include other fees such as room and board?

- Tuition and mandatory fees only
 - Tuition, mandatory fees, and other fees
- ~~~~~

* What is your best estimate of the cost of one year's tuition and mandatory fees at a public 4-year college in your state? Include the cost of courses and required fees such as student activity fees and student health fees. Do not include optional expenses such as room and board.

* Is that tuition and mandatory fees only, or does that also include other fees such as room and board?

Tuition and mandatory fees only

Tuition, mandatory fees, and other fees

* How confident are you in the accuracy of your estimate of the cost of one year's tuition and mandatory fees at a public 4-year college in your state? Would you say...

very confident

somewhat confident, or

not at all confident?

* Do you or does anyone in your family plan to help [your 9th grader] pay for [his/her] education after high school?

Yes

No

You have not thought about this yet

* What grade was [he/she] in when you or someone in your family began to financially prepare for [his/her] education after high school? Would you say...

before 1st grade

between the 1st and 6th grades

in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grades, or

you have not begun to prepare?

* About how much money have you set aside for [his/her] future educational needs?

None

\$2,000 or less

\$2,001-\$5,000

\$5,001-\$10,000

\$10,001-\$15,000

\$15,001-\$25,000

\$25,001-\$35,000

\$35,001-\$60,000

More than \$60,000

* Have you or anyone in your family opened any type of account to save for [your 9th grader]'s college education, for example, a 529 plan, a Coverdell Education Savings Account or Education IRA, or a prepaid tuition account?

Yes

No