

EVALUATION OF THE TASC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Elementary Student Survey School Year 2001/2002

Dear Student:

Thank you for answering the questions in this survey. To help make the program better, we are surveying students to learn about their experiences and needs in relation to the program. This survey is voluntary—if you do not want to fill out the survey, you do not have to. However, we hope you will take a few minutes to fill it out because your answers could help improve this after-school program.

Please do not write your name on the survey. Your responses will be anonymous, so no one will know your answers. Please answer all of the questions as honestly as you can. If you are uncomfortable answering a question, you may leave it blank.

Remember--this is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers, and your answers will not affect your participation or status in the after-school program in any way.

Thank you for your help!

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The following are sample questions to illustrate how you should answer the questions in this survey. For each question, please circle the number to the right of the response.

1. My favorite subject is:

- a. Math 1
- b. History 2
- c. Science 3
- d. Language Arts 4

2. Below are some statements about different types of food. For each statement, please circle a '1' if you agree a lot, '2' if you agree a little, '3' if you disagree a little, '4' if you disagree a lot, or '5' if you have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. Chocolate ice cream is better than vanilla ice cream	1	2	3	4	5
b. Basketball is more fun than baseball	1	2	3	4	5

1. Were you a student at this school last year (2000-2001)?
 - a. Yes..... 1
 - b. No (**Skip to Question 3**)..... 2

2. Did you come to this after-school program last year (2000-2001)?
 - a. Yes (**Skip to Question 4**)..... 1
 - b. No 2

3. If you started this year, what month did you start coming to this after-school program?
 - a. September 1
 - b. October 2
 - c. November 3
 - d. December..... 4
 - e. January..... 5
 - f. February 6
 - g. March 7
 - h. April..... 8
 - i. May 9

Below are some questions about what you did after school BEFORE you started coming to this after-school program. Please circle only one response for each question.

4. **BEFORE** you started coming to this after-school program, where did you usually go right after school? **(Circle one.)**

- a. My home, with my parent or other adult..... 1
- b. My home, by myself..... 2
- c. My home, with an older brother, sister, cousin, or older youth 3
- d. My home, taking care of younger brothers, sisters, or other children 4
- e. A friend’s house, with an adult 5
- f. A friend’s house, without an adult 6
- g. The home of an adult babysitter, neighbor, relative, or friend 7
- h. Day care center 8
- i. After-school program (sports, clubs, etc.) 9
- j. Private lessons or classes (music, sports, dance, etc.)..... 10
- k. Religion-based activities 11
- l. Some other place (Specify) _____ 12
- m. Don’t know/not sure 13

5. **BEFORE** you started coming to this after-school program, how often were you alone or with friends after school without an adult present? **(Circle one.)**

- a. Never..... 1
- b. About once a month 2
- c. 1-2 days a week 3
- d. 3 or more days a week 4

Below are some questions that ask about what you do after school NOW. Please circle only one response for each question.

6. NOW when you do not come to this after-school program, where do you usually go? (Circle one.)

- a. My home, with my parent or other adult..... 1
- b. My home, by myself..... 2
- c. My home, with an older brother, sister, cousin, or older youth 3
- d. My home, taking care of younger brothers, sisters, or other children 4
- e. A friend’s house, with an adult 5
- f. A friend’s house, without an adult..... 6
- g. The home of an adult babysitter, neighbor, relative, or friend 7
- h. Day care center 8
- i. After-school program (sports, clubs, etc.) 9
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- k. Religion-based activities 11
- l. Some other place (Specify) _____ 12
- m. Don’t know/not sure 13

7. On most school days, how many hours do you watch TV? (Circle one.)

- a. I do not watch TV on most school days 1
- b. 1 hour or less per day 2
- c. About 2 hours per day 3
- d. About 3 hours per day 4
- e. About 4 hours per day 5
- f. About 5 hours or more per day 6

8. How often do you read books, magazines, or newspapers in your free time? (Circle one.)

- a. Almost every day 1
- b. A few times a week 2
- c. A few times a month..... 3
- d. Almost never 4

The following statements might describe how you feel about SCHOOL.

9. How do you feel about each of the following statements? For each statement, please circle whether you agree a lot, agree a little, disagree a little, disagree a lot, or have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. I think I'm a good student	1	2	3	4	5
b. I'm not a very good student	1	2	3	4	5
c. I have trouble figuring things out in school	1	2	3	4	5
d. I am doing a good job in school	1	2	3	4	5
e. I don't do very well in school	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please circle whether you think each statement about SCHOOL is very true, sort of true, a little true, or not true at all.

	<i>Always true</i>	<i>Often true</i>	<i>Sometimes true</i>	<i>Never true</i>
a. I want to do well in school	1	2	3	4
b. I like going to school	1	2	3	4
c. I don't think school is important	1	2	3	4
d. The things I am learning in school will be important in the future	1	2	3	4

The following questions ask about how much time you spend at the AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, what you do when you come here, and how much you enjoy the program.

11. Last month, how many days did you usually attend the after-school program?
- a. Less than 1 day a week..... 1
 - b. 1 day a week 2
 - c. 2 days a week..... 3
 - d. 3 days a week..... 4
 - e. 4 days a week..... 5
 - f. 5 days a week..... 6

12. Last month, how often did you use a computer at the after-school program?
- a. Almost every day 1
 - b. A few times a week..... 2
 - c. A few times a month..... 3
 - d. Almost never..... 4

13. Since you started coming to the after-school program, how often have you participated in the following activities?

	<i>Often</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
a. Homework help/tutoring	1	2	3	4
b. Reading activities (not for homework)	1	2	3	4
c. Math or science activities (not for homework)	1	2	3	4
d. Arts activities (dance, music, drama, graphic arts)	1	2	3	4
e. Sports and games	1	2	3	4
f. Other activities (Specify)	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4

14. Last month, how often did you do the following things at the after-school program?

	<i>More than 5 times</i>	<i>3 – 5 times</i>	<i>1 – 2 times</i>	<i>Never</i>
a. Talked with a group of other students about a book that you were reading	1	2	3	4
b. Done a project with a group of students that lasted more than one day	1	2	3	4
c. Written something with other students like a newspaper or a report	1	2	3	4
d. Helped another student with homework or another activity	1	2	3	4
e. Taken part in an activity to celebrate your own or other students' culture (Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month)	1	2	3	4
f. Performed in a play, dance, or music show or concert	1	2	3	4
g. Taken part in a project to help your community (clean-up project, visiting the elderly)	1	2	3	4
h. Heard guest speakers talk about different kinds of jobs	1	2	3	4
i. Gone on a field trip to see a play, dance, art museum, or music show or concert	1	2	3	4

15. Overall, how do you like the program?

a. I really like the program—it's great!.....	1
b. I sort of like the program—it's OK.	2
c. I don't like the program at all—I wish I didn't have to come.....	3

16. Below are some statements that might describe how you feel about the AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. For each statement, please circle whether you agree a lot, agree a little, disagree a little, disagree a lot, or have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. I get to know other kids really well here	1	2	3	4	5
b. I can really trust the other kids here	1	2	3	4	5
c. I have a lot of friends here	1	2	3	4	5
d. I like the other kids here	1	2	3	4	5
e. I have a good time playing with other kids here	1	2	3	4	5
f. I have a hard time finding friends here	1	2	3	4	5
g. I have to do what's planned, no matter what	1	2	3	4	5
h. I get to choose what I want to do here	1	2	3	4	5
i. We get in trouble for talking when we aren't supposed to	1	2	3	4	5
j. I get to do what I want to do here	1	2	3	4	5
k. I can be by myself whenever I want to	1	2	3	4	5
l. The teachers let me decide what to do here	1	2	3	4	5
m. I feel like I belong here	1	2	3	4	5
n. I feel like my ideas count here	1	2	3	4	5
o. I feel like I am successful here	1	2	3	4	5
p. This place is a comfortable place to hang out	1	2	3	4	5
q. I feel like I matter here	1	2	3	4	5

17. Below are some statements that might describe how people treat each other at the AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. For each statement, please circle whether you agree a lot, agree a little, disagree a little, disagree a lot, or have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. When I'm having a problem, some other student will help me	1	2	3	4	5
b. Students in this program really care about each other	1	2	3	4	5
c. Teachers and students treat each other with respect in this program	1	2	3	4	5
d. People care about each other in this program	1	2	3	4	5
e. Students in this program work together to solve problems	1	2	3	4	5
f. Students in this program don't seem to like each other very well	1	2	3	4	5

18. Next are statements that might describe how you feel about the choices and activities that the AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM has to offer. For each statement, please circle whether you agree a lot, agree a little, disagree a little, disagree a lot, or have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. I get a chance to do a lot of new things here	1	2	3	4	5
b. I get to do things here that I don't usually get to do anywhere else	1	2	3	4	5
c. I get to work on projects here that really make me think	1	2	3	4	5
d. I get to go places that I don't usually get to go	1	2	3	4	5
e. There is a lot for me to choose from here	1	2	3	4	5
f. The activities here really get me interested	1	2	3	4	5

19. The following are statements that might describe how you feel about the teachers at the AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. For each statement, please circle whether you agree a lot, agree a little, disagree a little, disagree a lot, or have no opinion.

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. The teachers in this program really care about me	1	2	3	4	5
b. Teachers can't be trusted; they say one thing one time and something different the next time	1	2	3	4	5
c. The teachers in this program always keep their promises	1	2	3	4	5
d. The teachers in this program don't care what I think	1	2	3	4	5
e. The teachers in this program always try to be fair	1	2	3	4	5
f. Teachers in this program punish kids without even knowing what really happened	1	2	3	4	5
g. I feel safe and comfortable with the teachers in this program	1	2	3	4	5
h. Teachers in this program get mad whenever you make a mistake	1	2	3	4	5
i. When a teacher tells me not to do something I want to do, I know he or she must have a good reason	1	2	3	4	5
j. The teachers will always listen to our ideas about how to make the program better	1	2	3	4	5

20. The after-school program has helped me to:

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
a. Feel more like a part of my school	1	2	3	4	5
b. Learn to speak and understand English better	1	2	3	4	5
c. Read and understand more	1	2	3	4	5
d. Feel more comfortable solving math problems	1	2	3	4	5
e. Finish my homework	1	2	3	4	5
f. Use computers to do homework or other educational activities	1	2	3	4	5
g. Make new friends	1	2	3	4	5
h. Learn more about my own and/or another culture	1	2	3	4	5
i. Feel safer after school	1	2	3	4	5
j. Learn to work together with other students	1	2	3	4	5
k. Think more about my future	1	2	3	4	5

The next questions are about your goals for the future. For each question, circle the answer you think best describes your goals.

21. How sure are you that you will finish high school?

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|----------------------------|---|
| a. Very sure I will..... | 1 |
| b. Probably will..... | 2 |
| c. Probably won't | 3 |
| d. Very sure I won't | 4 |

22. Do you think you will go to college?
- a. Yes..... 1
 - b. Maybe..... 2
 - c. No 3
 - d. I don't know 4

Below are some questions about your health and safety. For each question, circle the answer that fits you best.

23. Compared to other places where you spend time, how safe do you feel when you are at the program?
- a. A lot safer 1
 - b. A little safer 2
 - c. Just as safe 3
 - d. A little less safe..... 4
 - e. A lot less safe 5

24. When was the last time you went to the doctor or nurse?
- a. I can't remember 1
 - b. In the last 12 months..... 2
 - c. 2 or 3 years ago 3
 - d. More than 3 years ago..... 4

25. How often do you get into physical fights (punching, hitting, or kicking)?
- a. Never 1
 - b. Sometimes 2
 - c. A lot 3

26. Have you ever had an alcoholic drink (liquor, beer, or wine)?
- a. Never 1
 - b. One time 2
 - c. A few times 3
 - d. Lots of times 4

27. Last month, how often were you at home or at a friend's house after school without an adult present?
- a. Never 1
 - b. Less than once a week 2
 - c. 1-2 days a week 3
 - d. 3 or more days a week 4

We're going to end with some questions about you and your family.

28. How many adults live at home? _____
29. How many children live at home (including you)? _____
30. Which grade are you in?
- a. 4th grade 1
 - b. 5th grade 2
 - c. Some other grade (Specify) _____ 3
31. Are you a:
- a. Girl 1
 - b. Boy 2

32. What language(s) do you speak at home? **(Circle all that apply.)**
- a. English 1
 - b. Spanish..... 1
 - c. Chinese 1
 - d. Russian..... 1
 - e. Haitian - Creole 1
 - f. Other (Specify) _____ 1

33. Which best describes your race/ethnicity? **(Circle one.)**
- a. Black 1
 - b. Hispanic/Latino..... 2
 - c. Asian or Pacific Islander 3
 - d. Native American or Alaskan Native 4
 - e. White 5
 - f. Other (Specify) _____ 6

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS SURVEY!