

EVALUATION OF THE TASC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Middle School Student Survey School Year 2002/2003

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 (2001-2002)?
 - a. Yes..... 1
 - b. No (**Skip to Question 3**)..... 2

2. Did you come to this after-school program last year (2001-2002)?
 - a. Yes (**Skip to Question 4**)..... 1
 - b. No 2

3. If you started coming 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
 - 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

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 am not a very good student	1	2	3	4	5
c. I am doing a good job in school	1	2	3	4	5
d. I don't do very well in school	1	2	3	4	5

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

	<i>Always true</i>	<i>Often true</i>	<i>Sometimes true</i>	<i>Never true</i>
a. Doing well at school is important to me	1	2	3	4
b. I don't see the point of going to school	1	2	3	4
c. The things I am learning in school will be important later in life	1	2	3	4
d. I need to finish school to get a good job	1	2	3	4
e. The things I am learning in school will be useful in a job or career	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?

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|----|-----------------------------|---|
| 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. 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. Activities to learn about careers	1	2	3	4
g. Activities to learn about college	1	2	3	4
h. Other activities (Specify)	1	2	3	4

13. 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. Participated in a sports contest or tournament	1	2	3	4
h. Participated in an academic contest (chess tournament, spelling bee, etc.)	1	2	3	4
i. Taken part in a project to help your community (clean-up project, visiting the elderly)	1	2	3	4
j. Heard guest speakers talk about different kinds of jobs	1	2	3	4
k. Gone on a field trip to see a play, dance, art museum, or music show or concert	1	2	3	4
l. Had activities or discussions about drug or alcohol use	1	2	3	4
m. Had activities or discussions about sex, birth control, HIV/AIDS prevention	1	2	3	4
n. Had activities or discussions about violence, conflict resolution, peer mediation	1	2	3	4
o. Visited a business to learn about jobs/job shadowing	1	2	3	4

14. How often do you volunteer to work in your community (tutoring, working in a soup kitchen, working in a community garden, visiting the elderly, etc.)?
- a. Once a week 1
 - b. Once a month 2
 - c. A few times a year 3
 - d. Never..... 4

15. Overall, how do you like the after-school 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 feel like I belong here	1	2	3	4	5
b. I feel like my ideas count here	1	2	3	4	5
c. I feel like I am successful here	1	2	3	4	5
d. This place is a comfortable place to hang out	1	2	3	4	5
e. 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. People care about each other in this program	1	2	3	4	5
b. Students in this program don't seem to like each other very well	1	2	3	4	5
c. Students in this program just look out for themselves	1	2	3	4	5
d. Students in this program are willing to go out of their way to help someone	1	2	3	4	5
e. Students in this program work together to solve problems	1	2	3	4	5
f. The students in this program don't really care about each other	1	2	3	4	5
g. Students in this program don't get along together very well	1	2	3	4	5
h. Students in this program are mean to each other	1	2	3	4	5
i. When I'm having a problem, some other student in this program will try to help me	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. Some after-school programs involve young people in running the program. Have you done any of the following things at this after-school program?

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
a. Been elected by or elected other kids to a position at the program (like a youth council representative)	1	2
b. Volunteered or been selected to work in or lead an activity (sports, homework, club, etc.)	1	2
c. Helped out in the office (e.g., answered the phone, entered data in the computer, or passed out information about the program, etc.)	1	2
d. Been paid to work at this program	1	2
e. Helped out on a youth council or leadership team for this program	1	2
f. Helped plan special or regular program events and activities	1	2
g. Helped with meetings for parents or community members	1	2
h. Been asked by staff for feedback/comments about the program or an activity	1	2

20. 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. Teachers and students treat each other with respect in this program	1	2	3	4	5
b. I feel that I can talk to the teachers in this program about things that are bothering me	1	2	3	4	5
c. Teachers and students in this program don't seem to like each other	1	2	3	4	5
d. The teachers in this program really care about me	1	2	3	4	5
e. The teachers in this program always keep their promises	1	2	3	4	5
f. The teachers in this program don't care what I think	1	2	3	4	5
g. The teachers in this program always try to be fair	1	2	3	4	5
h. Teachers in this program punish kids without even knowing what really happened	1	2	3	4	5
i. I feel safe and comfortable with the teachers in this program	1	2	3	4	5
j. Teachers in this program think I can do things well	1	2	3	4	5
k. Teachers in this program help me to try new things	1	2	3	4	5
l. Teachers in this program think I can learn new things	1	2	3	4	5

21. Of the **adults** you know here at this after-school program, **how many...**

	<i>All</i>	<i>Most</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>None</i>
a. Pay attention to what's going on in your life?	1	2	3	4
b. Tell you when you do something good?	1	2	3	4
c. Would you go to for advice about personal things?	1	2	3	4
d. Could you go to if you were really upset or mad?	1	2	3	4
e. Could you go to for help with schoolwork or school problems?	1	2	3	4
f. Could you go to for help resolving an argument?	1	2	3	4

22. How often do you talk one-on-one with an adult at the after-school program about:

	<i>Almost every day</i>	<i>Once or twice a week</i>	<i>Once or twice a month</i>	<i>Less than once a month</i>
a. What's going on in your life?	1	2	3	4
b. School or schoolwork?	1	2	3	4
c. Personal things that you don't tell most people?	1	2	3	4
d. Your future goals and plans?	1	2	3	4

23. In the past 30 days, when you were at this AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM, how many times did someone:

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Once or twice</i>	<i>3 – 5 times</i>	<i>6 – 9 times</i>	<i>10 or more times</i>
a. Make fun of you, call you names, or insult you?	1	2	3	4	5
b. Damage something of yours on purpose?	1	2	3	4	5
c. Steal something from your backpack or coat?	1	2	3	4	5
d. Take money or things from you by using force or by threatening to hurt you?	1	2	3	4	5
e. Threaten to hurt you, but not actually hurt you?	1	2	3	4	5
f. Physically attack you?	1	2	3	4	5

24. 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. Enjoy school more	1	2	3	4	5
c. Learn to speak and understand English better	1	2	3	4	5
d. Read and understand more	1	2	3	4	5
e. Feel more comfortable solving math problems	1	2	3	4	5
f. Feel more comfortable writing papers	1	2	3	4	5
g. Finish my homework	1	2	3	4	5
h. Make new friends	1	2	3	4	5
i. Learn more about my own and/or another culture	1	2	3	4	5
j. Feel safer after school	1	2	3	4	5
k. Learn to work together with other students	1	2	3	4	5

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>	<i>No opinion</i>
l. Feel more confident about my school work	1	2	3	4	5
m. Use computers to do research, school projects, or homework	1	2	3	4	5
n. Think more about my future	1	2	3	4	5
o. Learn about different jobs or careers	1	2	3	4	5
p. Learn to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, draw, paint, or do other kinds of art really well	1	2	3	4	5
q. Speak in front of a group	1	2	3	4	5
r. Perform in front of a group	1	2	3	4	5
s. Learn how to avoid getting into fights	1	2	3	4	5
t. Learn about how to get into college	1	2	3	4	5
u. Learn skills that will help me be a leader	1	2	3	4	5
v. Learn skills that will help me to get a job	1	2	3	4	5
w. Learn skills that will help me do better in school	1	2	3	4	5
x. Learn skills that will help me be successful in life	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.

25. How sure are you that you will finish high school?
- a. Very sure I will..... 1
 - b. Probably will..... 2
 - c. Probably won't 3
 - d. Very sure I won't 4
26. Do you think you will get more education after you leave high school?
- a. Yes..... 1
 - b. Maybe..... 2
 - c. No 3
 - d. I don't know 4
27. If you could go as far as you wanted in school, how far would you like to go?
- a. Go to high school, but not graduate..... 1
 - b. Graduate from high school 2
 - c. Go to a trade or vocational school..... 3
 - d. Go to college for a while..... 4
 - e. Finish college 5

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

28. 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

29. In the past 30 days, how many times did you do each of the activities below?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Once or twice</i>	<i>3 – 5 times</i>	<i>6 – 9 times</i>	<i>10 or more times</i>
a. I helped someone stay out of a fight	1	2	3	4	5
b. I told other students how I felt when they did something I liked	1	2	3	4	5
c. I cooperated with others	1	2	3	4	5
d. I told other students how I felt when they upset me	1	2	3	4	5
e. I protected someone from a “bully”	1	2	3	4	5
f. I gave someone a compliment	1	2	3	4	5
g. I helped other students solve a problem	1	2	3	4	5
h. I avoided getting in trouble at home, school, or in the community	1	2	3	4	5

30. 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
31. Have you ever been in a physical fight?
- a. No 1 **Skip to Question 33**
 - b. Yes..... 2
32. During the last 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?
- a. 0 times 1
 - b. 1 time 2
 - c. 2 or 3 times 3
 - d. 4 or 5 times 4
 - e. 6 or 7 times 5
 - f. 8 or 9 times 6
 - g. 10 or 11 times 7
 - h. 12 or more times 8
33. Have you ever had an alcoholic drink (liquor, beer, or wine)?
- a. No 1 **Skip to Question 35**
 - b. Yes..... 2

34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one alcoholic drink?
- a. 0 days 1
 - b. 1 or 2 days 2
 - c. 3 to 5 days..... 3
 - d. 6 to 9 days..... 4
 - e. 10 to 19 days..... 5
 - f. 20 to 29 days..... 6
 - g. All 30 days 7
35. How often do you hang out with members of a gang?
- 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
36. Do you consider yourself a member of a gang?
- a. No 1
 - b. Yes (**Skip to Question 38**) 2
37. Do you think you will join a gang someday?
- a. No 1
 - b. Yes..... 2
38. Have you ever been arrested?
- a. No 1 **Skip to Question 40**
 - b. Yes..... 2

39. Have you been arrested in the past 12 months?

- a. No 1
- b. Once..... 2
- c. Two or three times..... 3
- d. More than three times 4

40. In the past 30 days, how many times did these things happen to you?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Once or twice</i>	<i>3 – 5 times</i>	<i>6 – 9 times</i>	<i>10 or more times</i>
a. I teased students to make them angry	1	2	3	4	5
b. I got angry very easily with someone	1	2	3	4	5
c. I fought back when someone hit me first	1	2	3	4	5
d. I said things about other kids to make other students laugh	1	2	3	4	5
e. I encouraged other students to fight	1	2	3	4	5
f. I pushed or shoved other students	1	2	3	4	5
g. I was angry most of the day	1	2	3	4	5
h. I got into a physical fight because I was angry	1	2	3	4	5
i. I slapped or kicked someone	1	2	3	4	5
j. I called other students bad names	1	2	3	4	5
k. I threatened to hurt or to hit someone	1	2	3	4	5

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

41. Please circle how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<i>Agree a lot</i>	<i>Agree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a little</i>	<i>Disagree a lot</i>
a. If I can't do a job the first time, I keep trying until I can	1	2	3	4
b. I give up on things before finishing them	1	2	3	4
c. If something looks too hard, I will not even bother to try it	1	2	3	4
d. I handle unexpected problems very well	1	2	3	4
e. Failure just makes me try harder	1	2	3	4
f. I am unsure about my ability to do things	1	2	3	4
g. I can depend on myself	1	2	3	4
h. I give up easily	1	2	3	4

42. Which grade are you in?

- | | | |
|----|---------------------------------|---|
| a. | 6 th grade..... | 1 |
| b. | 7 th grade..... | 2 |
| c. | 8 th grade..... | 3 |
| d. | Some other grade (Specify)_____ | 4 |

43. Are you a:

- | | | |
|----|------------|---|
| a. | Girl | 1 |
| b. | Boy | 2 |

44. 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

45. 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

46. How many adults live at home? _____

47. How many children live at home (including you)? _____

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS SURVEY!