



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION STUDY

FATHER SURVEY

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Please print the following information:

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We appreciate your participating in this study with us, and hope you will find this questionnaire both interesting and fun! The following pages contain a variety of questions about your family's activities, interests, likes, abilities, future plans, etc. We are interested in your opinion about these matters. Please read and answer each item carefully, and remember, there are no right or wrong answers.

*When the questions ask about "your child", they refer to the child whose name appears on the label above.*

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We would like to know about your child's adjustment to high school. Please read each of the following statements and indicate how much you agree or disagree with each one. Write one number from 1 (strongly disagree with the statement) to 7 (strongly agree with the statement) on the line next to each statement.

strongly disagree							strongly agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

COMPARED TO WHEN MY CHILD WAS IN 7TH GRADE, S/HE

- VII 205 takes on more responsibilities around the house.  
 VII 206 is more difficult to get along with.  
 VII 207 is more involved in social activities.  
 VII 208 takes school work more seriously.  
 VII 209 is closer to me because we can now share more adult interests.  
 VII 210 seeks my advice more often.  
 VII 211 is less interested in school.  
 VII 212 socializes more with members of the opposite sex.  
 VII 213 is more concerned with what friends think than what I think.  
 VII 214 seeks my advice less often.

Use the scale below to rate each of the following items.

much less concerned							much more concerned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

COMPARED TO HOW YOUR CHILD FELT IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, IS S/HE NOW MORE OR LESS CONCERNED ABOUT:

- VII 215 grades in general?  
 VII 216 how good s/he is in academic subjects?  
 VII 217 how good s/he is in sports?  
 VII 218 how many friends s/he has?  
 VII 219 how popular s/he is in general?  
 VII 220 how popular s/he is with members of the opposite sex?  
 VII 221 whether s/he has close friends?  
 VII 222 how s/he looks?  
 VII 223 what s/he will do after finishing high school?

How well is your child adjusting to high school? (Circle ONE number)

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not at all well 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very well

Since your child entered high school, how has his/her general attitude toward school changed? (Circle ONE number)

VII 225

become much worse 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 become much better

Parents often have some concerns about their child's experiences in high school. Please rate how concerned you are about each of the following using the scale below.

not at all worried 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very worried

NOW THAT MY CHILD IS IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WORRY

- VII 226 that my child will become involved with drugs or alcohol.
VII 227 that my child will get in with the wrong crowd of friends.
VII 228 that my child will start skipping school.
VII 229 about fighting and violence at my child's school.

It is appropriate for children to think about the following things at different ages. At this stage in your child's life, how important do you think each of the following is for your child? Please use the scale given below.

not important 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 very important

- VII 230 to have begun career planning
VII 231 to be actively seeking out information on careers
VII 232 to have already chosen an occupation or job
VII 233 to have worked for pay or applied for and gotten a part-time job



The following questions ask about things you might want your child to do before he/she gets married. Rate each one on a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 7 (very important).

not at all important very important  
1      2      3      4      5      6      7

BEFORE YOUR CHILD GETS MARRIED, HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT THEY:

- VII 259 Live on their own (away from home)
- VII 260 Save a lot of money
- VII 261 Have a secure job
- VII 262 Have dated several people seriously
- VII 263 Date the person they will marry for more than a year
- VII 264 Live with the person they will marry
- VII 265 Finish college

All of the following goals may be important to people. We are interested in knowing which ones you feel should be most important to your child. Write one number from 1 (compared to the others listed, this is one of the least important goals) to 7 (compared to the others listed, this is one of the most important) on the line next to each goal.

one of the least important goals one of the most important goals  
1      2      3      4      5      6      7

COMPARED TO OTHER GOALS YOUR CHILD MIGHT HAVE, HOW IMPORTANT SHOULD EACH OF THE FOLLOWING BE TO YOUR CHILD:

- VII 266 Going to college after high school
- VII 267 Being very successful in his/her line of work
- VII 268 Being able to find steady work
- VII 269 Being able to support him/herself (being financially independent)
- VII 270 Helping to improve the lives of others
- VII 271 Getting married
- VII 272 Having a good marriage and family life
- VII 273 Having children
- VII 274 Staying home to take care of his/her children when they are young
- VII 275 Being a successful parent (raising healthy, happy, well-adjusted children)

What would be the earliest age at which you'd like your child to marry?  
VII276 years old \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer him/her not to marry

What would be the earliest age at which you'd like your child to start having children?  
VII277 years old \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer him/her not to have children

*In the following questions, you are asked to make a choice between two or three answers. These characteristics are important to everyone. For these questions, please choose the one answer that you feel is most important for your child to be.*

How would you rather have people see your child? (CHECK ONLY ONE CHOICE)

- VII278 \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Capable, competent, self-disciplined  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Creative, impulsive, open  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Understanding others, sympathetic, kind

Who would you prefer your child to be?

- VII279 \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Someone who "is a good friend...would do anything for you...one of my favorite people."  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Someone who "will go far in their field...has gained a lot of people's respect...devotes a lot of time to work and loves it."

Which of these would you rather hear about your child?

- VII280 \_\_\_\_\_ 1) He/she is a warm, loving husband/wife.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2) He/she is powerful and dynamic in the work he/she does.

Which do you think is a better measure of success or failure in your child's life?

- VII281 \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Progress made in his/her career.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Having lots of close caring relationships.

*Below is a list of characteristics that are important for a child to learn to prepare him/her for life. Please put a "1" by the characteristic that you think is most important for your child; a "2" by the characteristic that is second most important; and so forth until you have ranked all six characteristics from 1 to 6.*

VII282 responsible      VII285 good sense and sound judgement

VII283 good manners      VII286 neat and clean

VII284 obeys      VII287 interested in how and why things happen

Imagine that your child asked your advice in choosing courses from the following list. Rate how important you would say each one is for your child's future. Please rate each course even if your child has already taken it.

not at all important 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 extremely important

- VII288 Physical Science
VII289 Advanced Algebra
VII290 English Literature
VII291 Biology
VII292 Home Economics (such as cooking, sewing, or child care)
VII293 Trigonometry or Calculus
VII294 History/Social Studies
VII295 Business skills/Accounting
VII296 Word processing/Typing
VII297 Chemistry
VII298 Shop/Mechanics or other Industrial Arts courses
VII299 Computer Science

Please read each of the following job characteristics, and indicate how much you would like your child to have a job with each characteristic. Write one number from 1 (would not at all like him/her to have a job with that characteristic) to 7 (would really like him/her to have a job with that characteristic) on the line next to each characteristic.

not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 a lot

- VII300 they don't have to take work home with them
VII301 they get a chance to participate in decision making
VII302 they get a chance to work on difficult and challenging problems
VII303 they are their own boss most of the time
VII304 gives them an opportunity to be directly helpful to others
VII305 has high status and prestige
VII306 involves a lot of work with their hands
VII307 makes it easy to take time off for family responsibilities



These are some things that might worry parents when they think about their child's future or their own financial situation. For each statement below please write a number next to each possible problem to show how much it concerns you.

not at all  
concerned

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

very  
concerned

HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU

- VII308 that your child might not get a good education?
- VII309 that your child will drop out of school?
- VII310 that your child might not have a happy marriage?
- VII311 that your child might not have a steady job?
- VII312 that your child might not be able to make enough money to live on his/her own (away from home)
- VII313 that your child might get into trouble with the law?
- VII314 that your child will be involved in an unwanted pregnancy outside of marriage?
- VII315 that your child lacks sufficient initiative or motivation to get as much education as you would like him/her to have
- VII316 that your child lacks sufficient initiative or motivation to get as good a job as you would like him/her to have
- VII317 that you may not be able to pay for the education or training your child may need to get a good job?
- VII318 about how you are going to pay your next bills?
- VII319 about getting laid off from your job?
- VII320 that the company you work for might close or move?
- VII321 about your spouse getting laid off from his/her job?

For the next questions, use this scale:

very  
unlikely

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

very  
likely

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE, HOW LIKELY DO YOU THINK EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS TO HAPPEN TO HIM/HER:

- VII322 will drop out of school
- VII323 will be laid off from a job
- VII324 will never have children
- VII325 will get divorced
- VII326 will never marry
- VII327 will marry more than once
- VII328 will have difficulty supporting their family financially
- VII329 will depend on their spouse to provide most of their support
- VII330 will get technical or vocational training right after high school
- VII331 will go into the military right after high school
- VII332 will graduate from a two-year community college program
- VII333 will graduate from a four-year program at a "prestigious" university or college
- VII334 will graduate from a four-year program at an "average" university or college
- VII335 will attend graduate or professional school after college
- VII336 will get a full time job right after high school
- VII337 will get married within 2 years after high school
- VII338 will have trouble keeping a steady job
- VII339 will get into trouble with the law
- VII340 will have problems with drugs or alcohol
- VII341 will be involved in an unwanted pregnancy outside of marriage

### POSSIBLE JOBS

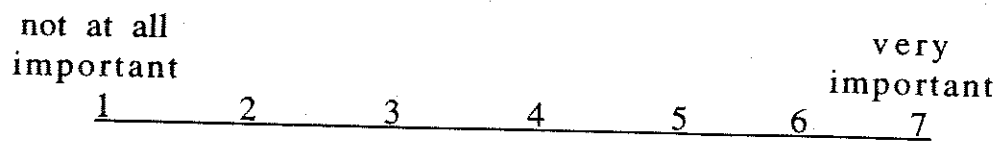
Look at the following list of jobs and rate how likely it is that your child would be in each kind of job when s/he is 28 years old. Use the following scale:

very unlikely							very likely
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- VII342 Laborer (like car washer, sanitary worker, farm laborer)
- VII343 Domestic service (like housekeeper, in-home child care)
- VII344 Food service (like waiter, waitress, cook, food preparation)
- VII345 Personal service (like barber, beautician, laundry)
- VII346 Transportation (like taxi-cab, bus, or truck driver)
- VII347 Factory (like assembly line worker, welder)
- VII348 Sales clerk in a retail store
- VII349 Clerical or office worker (like typist, receptionist, secretary)
- VII350 Protective or military service (like police officer, fireman, military enlisted person)
- VII351 Skilled worker (like carpenter, electrician, mechanic, computer repair)
- VII352 Clothing/textiles worker (like seamstress, tailor)
- VII353 Farm owner, manager of a farm
- VII354 Owner of small business (like restaurant owner, shop owner)
- VII355 Sales representative
- VII356 Business manager or administrator, stock broker
- VII357 Health paraprofessional (like paramedic, dental hygienist, medical technician, vet's assistant)
- VII358 Professional artist (like designer, interior decorator)
- VII359 Professional athlete
- VII360 Performing artist (like musician, actress, dancer, model)
- VII361 Career military officer
- VII362 Full-time homemaker
- VII363 Health professional without a doctoral degree (like registered nurse, physical therapist, pharmacist)
- VII364 Science or math related field (like engineer, architect, CPA, science teacher)
- VII365 Human services (like librarian, social worker, counselor, teacher)
- VII366 Lawyer
- VII367 Health professional with advanced degree (like physician, dentist, psychiatrist, veterinarian)
- VII368 Research scientist with a PhD
- VII369 College or university professor



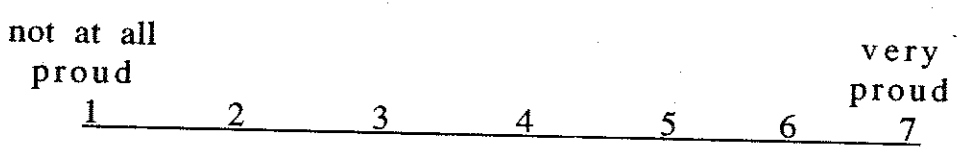
The following questions ask about how important certain things are to you. Please rate each one from 1 (not at all important to you) to 7 (very important to you).



HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO YOU THAT YOUR CHILD:

- VII 387 do well in math?
- VII 388 do well in English?
- VII 389 do well in school in general?
- VII 390 do well in sports?
- VII 391 be popular with members of the same sex?
- VII 392 be popular with members of the opposite sex?

For the next two questions, use this scale to indicate how proud you are of your child.



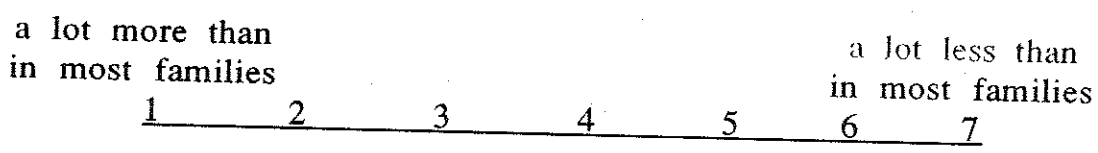
HOW PROUD ARE YOU OF

- VII 393 the kind of person your child has become.
- VII 394 your child's performance in school.

For the following questions, circle one number on the scale provided

My child and I argue about what s/he should be doing or how s/he should behave.

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I find that listening to what my child has to say helps me reach a better decision.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

I worry that my child is up to something I won't like.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

I want my child to follow my directions even if s/he disagrees with my reasons.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

I encourage my child to give his/her ideas and opinions even if we might disagree.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

I trust my child to do what I expect without my having to check up on him/her.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

My child often argues with me about my rules and decisions for him/her.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

I treat my child like s/he is a mature person.

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never	sometimes	usually	always
true	true	true	true
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

1A) I talk with my child about what courses s/he should take in school and how these courses will prepare him/her for a job.

never a lot  
(at least once  
a month)

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

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1B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about course enrollment?

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2A) I talk with my child about future jobs s/he might have.

never a lot  
(at least once  
a month)

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

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2B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about future jobs?

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2C) I think these talks influence my child's decisions about job plans.

strongly disagree strongly agree

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

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3A) I talk with my child about how important it is to be able to earn enough to support him/herself and a family.

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never						a lot (at least once a month)
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

3B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about this issue?

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4A) I talk with my child about what is involved in marriage and raising a family

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never						a lot (at least once a month)
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

4B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about family life?

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5A) I talk with my child about the conflicts that arise between family and work responsibilities.

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never						a lot (at least once a month)
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7

5B) What are the one or two most important things you have told your child about this conflict?

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Family relationships sometimes change as children get older. We would like to know how you think your child's adolescence has affected the following relationships in your family:

How has your relationship to your child changed?

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How has your spouse's relationship to your child changed?

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How has your relationship with your spouse changed?

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Now we are interested in your attitudes and values. Please read each of the following statements and indicate how much you agree or disagree with each one. Write one number from 1 (strongly disagree with the statement) to 7 (strongly agree with the statement) on the line next to each statement.

strongly  
disagree

strongly  
agree

1      2      3      4      5      6      7

- VII429 I would rather help others achieve their goals than achieve fame on my own.
- VII430 I would rather do something at which I feel confident and relaxed than something which is challenging and difficult.
- VII431 I want to do my best in my job even if this sometimes means working overtime.
- VII432 If I had a great career opportunity in another location, I would expect my spouse and family to move.
- VII433 If I had a great career opportunity in another location, my spouse would be happy to move.
- VII434 If my spouse had a great career opportunity in another location I would be happy to move.
- VII435 I feel that winning is very important.



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

What is your date of birth? Month VII/46 Day VII/47 Year VII/48

Are you a  1) Female  2) Male VII/49

What is your relationship to the child in this study? VII/450

- 1) Mother  4) Stepfather
- 2) Father  5) Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Stepmother

What is your current marital status?

- 1) Married VII/451
- 2) Divorced
- 3) Separated
- 4) Remarried
- 5) Widowed
- 6) Living with partner (not married)
- 7) Other \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this been your marital status?

- 1) less than 6 months  5) 3.1 to 5 years VII/452
- 2) 6 months to a year  6) 5.1 to 10 years
- 3) 1.1 to 2 years  7) 10.1 to 15 years
- 4) 2.1 to 3 years  8) over 15 years

Did your parents ever get separated or divorced?

yes  no VII/453

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What is your main occupation? VII/458, VII/459

How long have you had this job?

- 1) less than 6 months  5) 3.1 to 5 years VII/460
- 2) 6 months to a year  6) 5.1 to 10 years
- 3) 1.1 to 2 years  7) 10.1 to 15 years
- 4) 2.1 to 3 years  8) over 15 years

VII/461 - VII/487

How often have you had to miss work or change your work schedule to meet the needs of your child/ren?

VII488 never often  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

How often has your spouse had to miss work or change their work schedule to meet the needs of your child/ren?

VII489 never often  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

VII490 - VII491

How hard is it for you to live on your present household income?

VII492 very hard not at all hard  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comparing your present financial situation with your situation 3 years ago, would you say that your family is

VII493 worse off about the same better off  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

At any time during the past THREE years, has your family experienced a drop in income?  yes  no (If no, go to next page)

IF YES, please describe the reasons for the decrease in income:

*How much of a drop in income was it compared to the previous year?*

Annual income year before you experienced the decrease \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual income the year that you experienced the decrease \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have ever been divorced, answer the following questions.*

If the child's other parent is still living, what is their occupation?

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In what ways has your divorce affected your expectations for your child's academic performance?

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In what ways has the divorce actually affected your child's school performance?

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In what ways has your divorce affected your expectations for your child's responsibilities at home?

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*In what ways has your divorce affected your advice to your child in the following areas?*

1. The advice you give about the importance of being able to support oneself?

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2. The advice you give about career planning?

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3. The advice you give about planning to marry and have a family?

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*If you have ever been remarried, answer the following questions.*

In what ways has your remarriage affected your expectations for your child's academic performance?

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In what ways has the remarriage actually affected your child's school performance?

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In what ways has your remarriage affected your expectations for your child's responsibilities at home?

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*In what ways has your remarriage affected your advice to your child in the following areas?*

1. The advice you give about the importance of being able to support oneself?

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2. The advice you give about career planning?

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3. The advice you give about planning to marry and have a family?

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

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