

Parent
Self-Administered

1. Please tell us if you think each of the following is a not a problem, somewhat of a problem or a big problem in your neighborhood. Please circle your answer.

EXAMPLE: a. Poor street lighting.		
Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)

a. High unemployment

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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b. Different racial or cultural groups who do not get along with each other

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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c. Vandalism, buildings and personal belongings broken and torn up

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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d. Little respect for rules, laws, and authority

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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e. Prostitution

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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f. The syndicate, mafia, or organized crime

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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g. Sexual assaults or rapes

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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h. Assaults and muggings

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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i. Delinquent gangs or drug gangs

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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j. Drug use or drug dealing in the open

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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k. Police not available

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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l. Teenage mothers

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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m. Groups of teenagers hanging out in public places making a nuisance of themselves

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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n. Transportation not available

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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o. Police not caring about your problems

Not a Problem (1)	Somewhat of a Problem (2)	A Big Problem (3)
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Below are some questions about the people in your neighborhood.

2. Circle your answer to each question. Please answer the following questions about your neighborhood.

In your neighborhood, what are a teenager's chances of...

a. graduating from high school?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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b. completing college?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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c. finding a stable and well-paying job when he/she becomes an adult?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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3. What do you think the people in your neighborhood would do in the following situations? Please circle the number that indicates your response. For example if you think likely is the best response for a question you would circle a 3 to the right of that item's question.

	<u>Very Unlikely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Very Likely</u>
How likely is it that the people in your neighborhood would do something...				
a. if there was a fight in front of your house and someone was being beaten?	1	2	3	4
b. if someone were trying to sell drugs to one of your children in plain sight?	1	2	3	4
c. if your kids were getting into trouble?	1	2	3	4

4. The following statements are about the people who live in your neighborhood and the services available in your area. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Circle the number to the right of each statement to show your opinion.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. This is a close-knit neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
b. Unless you know the right people, you can't get services in this neighborhood.	1	2	3	4	5
c. If you want decent health and social services for your children, you can't find them around here.	1	2	3	4	5
d. There are a lot of adults around here that your children can look up to.	1	2	3	4	5
e. Your neighbors have similar views about how to raise children.	1	2	3	4	5
f. Schools are so bad you can't blame teenagers for not attending.	1	2	3	4	5
g. Getting help when your child needs it always takes more time and energy than you seem to have.	1	2	3	4	5
h. You can count on people in the neighborhood to let you know about opportunities for your kids.	1	2	3	4	5

5. Below are some questions about the services in your community.

Do you have the following things in your community? Please circle your answer.

a. A community family health service or a counseling center

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

b. After school recreational programs for children

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

c. A community day care service

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

d. Organized summer recreational programs for children

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

e. Active scouting troops or youth clubs

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

f. An organized center like the Y, city program in parks, or boys/girls clubs

yes	no	I Don't Know
1	2	8

6. The following group of questions is about the chances of different things happening to **your 7th grader**. Please circle your answer to each question.

What are the chances **your 7th grader**...

a. will complete college?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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What are the chances **your 7th grader...**

b. will get involved with drugs?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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c. will find a stable and well-paying job when he/she becomes an adult?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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d. will have a drinking problem?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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e. will be held back in school?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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f. will get in trouble with the police?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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g. will get involved in gang activity?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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h. will often cut school?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)	Already Happened (6)
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i. will do well in junior and senior high school?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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What are the chances **your 7th grader...**

j. will enter the military?

Very Low (1)	Low (2)	In the Middle (3)	High (4)	Very High (5)
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7. This group of questions is about how you can influence certain things that affect **your 7th grader**.

How well can you...

a. make sure your 7th grader's school is a good place to be?

Not Very Well (1)		Somewhat Well (2)		Pretty Well (3)		Very Well (4)
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b. keep track of your 7th grader outside of the home?

Not Very Well (1)		Somewhat Well (2)		Pretty Well (3)		Very Well (4)
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c. get help for your 7th grader at school?

Not Very Well (1)		Somewhat Well (2)		Pretty Well (3)		Very Well (4)
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d. influence what is taught in your 7th grader's school?

Not Very Well (1)		Somewhat Well (2)		Pretty Well (3)		Very Well (4)
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8. This next group of questions is about how much you can do to get **your 7th grader** to do certain things.

How much can you do to get your **7th grader**...

a. to stay out of trouble at school?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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b. to stay away from the wrong kinds of kids?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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c. to not use drugs or alcohol?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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How much can you do to get your **7th grader**...

d. to do his or her homework?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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e. to get into good activities outside of school such as music, sports, and tutoring programs or community volunteer activities?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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f. to stay in school until he/she graduates from high school?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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g. to get good grades in math?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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h. to get good grades in other school subjects?

Nothing (1)	A Little (2)	Some (3)	A Lot (4)
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9. During the past couple of months (including today) how often **have you...**

a. felt hopeless?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. felt lonely?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. felt like you don't care anymore?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. felt depressed?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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e. felt so angry you wanted to smash or break something?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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f. felt like there is not enough time?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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g. felt really mad at other people?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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h. felt hassled?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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During the past couple of months (including today) how often **have you...**

i. felt you couldn't control your temper?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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j. felt so upset you wanted to hit or hurt someone?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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k. felt exhausted?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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10. How many times in the last year have you used alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other mood altering substances?

Never (1)	Once a Month (2)	Once Every 2-3 Weeks (3)	Once a Week (4)	2-3 Times a Week (5)	Once a Day (6)	2-3 Times a Day or More (7)
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11. Please tell me how many times in the past year each of the following has happened to you because of your drinking alcohol or taking drugs?

How many times in the past year have you...

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Once</u>	<u>2-3 Times</u>	<u>4-5 Times</u>	<u>6-9 Times</u>	<u>10 or More Times</u>
a. passed out?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. not remembered what you did?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. had an accident or injury?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. gotten into a fight?	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. couldn't take care of your family/children?	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. had problems at work?	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. gotten into trouble with the police?	1	2	3	4	5	6

12. Please tell us how often you feel the following ways. Please circle your answer.

I feel that...

a. I am very good at figuring out problems and then making a plan to solve the problem.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. I am very good at carrying out the plans I make for solving problems.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. I am very good at bouncing back quickly from bad experiences.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. I am very good at learning from my mistakes.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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13. As a parent, how would you rate yourself? Please circle your answer.

Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)
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14. Please circle your answer for each of the following items.

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How satisfied are you with the understanding you get from the people listed below?

a. Spouse/partner

Not applicable	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Circle 5 if you are somewhat satisfied.

How **satisfied** are you with the emotional support you receive from the people listed below?

a. Spouse/partner

Not applicable	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

How **satisfied** are you with the emotional support you receive from the people listed below?

b. Your children

	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

c. Your friends

	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

d. Your parents

Not applicable	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

e. Your other relatives

Not applicable	Not at all satisfied						Very satisfied
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

15. How **confident** are you that you could turn to the following people for financial support in an emergency?

a. Spouse/partner

Not applicable	Not at all confident						Very confident
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

b. Your children

	Not at all confident						Very confident
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

c. Your friends

	Not at all confident						Very confident
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

d. Your parents

Not applicable	Not at all confident						Very confident
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

e. Your other relatives

Not applicable	Not at all confident						Very confident
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

16. Suppose one of your children were thinking about dropping out of school. Is there anyone you could talk to about this problem?

Definitely Yes	Maybe	No	I Don't Know
(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)

17. Suppose one of your children wanted to go to college. Is there anyone you could go to for advice or assistance in getting your child into college?

Definitely Yes	Maybe	No	I Don't Know
(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)

18. Suppose your unmarried teenage daughter got pregnant. Is there anyone you could talk to about this matter if you wanted to?

Definitely Yes	Maybe	No	I Don't Know
(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)

19. Suppose your teenage child were looking for a summer job. Is there anyone you could go to for

help in finding him/her a job?

Definitely Yes (1)	Maybe (2)	No (3)	I Don't Know (8)
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20. How often do you and your spouse or partner argue about...

a. money?

No Spouse or Partner (0)	Never (1)	Almost Never (2)	Occasionally (3)	Sometimes (4)	Very Often (5)
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b. chores and responsibilities?

No Spouse or Partner (0)	Never (1)	Almost Never (2)	Occasionally (3)	Sometimes (4)	Very Often (5)
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c. drinking and/or drugs?

No Spouse or Partner (0)	Never (1)	Almost Never (2)	Occasionally (3)	Sometimes (4)	Very Often (5)
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d. how to discipline your 7th grader?

No Spouse or Partner (0)	Never (1)	Almost Never (2)	Occasionally (3)	Sometimes (4)	Very Often (5)
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21. Now some questions about **your 7th grader**. Please tell us how often you and your 7th grader have disagreements or arguments about the following things?

a. how he/she spends money?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. how he/she spends time outside of school?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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Please tell us how often you and your 7th grader have disagreements or arguments about the following things?

c. his/her report card?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. his/her clothes, hair, (and makeup)?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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22. How many of your 7th grader's friends do you know?

None (1)	Some (2)	Most (3)	All of them (4)
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23. Please tell us how often you and your 7th grader do the following kinds of things.

How often...

a. do you and your 7th grader enjoy a good laugh together?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. do you and your 7th grader joke with one another?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. do you say something funny to get your 7th grader's mind off his/her troubles?

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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24. Indicate how often your 7th grader does the following things.

My 7th grader...

a. is very good at figuring out problems and planning how to solve them.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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My 7th grader...

b. is very good at carrying out the plans he/she makes for solving problems.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. is very good at bouncing back quickly from bad experiences.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. is good at learning from his/her mistakes.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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e. makes me proud.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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f. has sudden changes in mood or feelings.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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g. is rather high strung, tense, or nervous.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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h. is too fearful or anxious.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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i. has difficulty concentrating, cannot pay attention for long.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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My 7th grader...

j. bullies or is cruel or mean to others.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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k. has trouble getting along with other children.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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l. has trouble getting along with teachers.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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m. is impulsive, or acts without thinking.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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n. is restless or overly active, cannot sit still.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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o. is easily confused, seems to be in a fog.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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p. has a very strong temper and loses it easily.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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q. is unhappy, sad, or depressed.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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My 7th grader...

r. is withdrawn, does not get involved with others.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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s. sulks and pouts.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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t. persists and nags; can't take no for an answer.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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u. shouts or yells at me.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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v. hits, shoves, or pushes me.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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25. Now, please tell us how often these kinds of things happen with **your 7th grader**.

a. My **7th grader** and I talk about what is going on in his/her life.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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b. My **7th grader** talks to **me** about how things are going with his/her friends.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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c. My **7th grader** and I talk about his/her plans for the future.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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d. My **7th grader** talks to **me** about problems he/she is having at school.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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e. My **7th grader** and I talk about future jobs he/she might have.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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f. My **7th grader** and I talk about what courses he/she should take in school and how these courses will prepare him/her for these future jobs.

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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26. Please tell us how often you do the following things with your 7th grader.

a. How often do **you** ask **your 7th grader** what he/she thinks before deciding on family matters that involve him/her?

Almost Never (1)	Not Too Often (2)	About Half the Time (3)	Fairly Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. How often do you ask your 7th grader what he/she thinks before making decisions that affect him/her?

Almost Never (1)	Not Too Often (2)	About Half the Time (3)	Fairly Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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28. How often have you or your spouse/partner done the following activities with **your 7th grader** in the last month?

	Never	Once or Twice	At Least Once a Week	Several Times Per Week	Daily Less Than 1 hr.	Daily More Than 1 hr.
a. Played sports or did other outdoor activities with your 7th grader?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Played a musical instrument with your 7th grader?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Helped your 7th grader do homework or a school project?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Done indoor activities with your 7th grader, other than watching T.V.?	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Discussed your 7th grader's experiences at school with him/her (e. g., asking child what he/she did at school)?	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Done something together just for fun (like go to the movies, go for walks)?	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Discussed news or current events with your 7th grader?	1	2	3	4	5	6

29. When you and your 7th grader do activities like schoolwork, chores or recreation together, how much do you enjoy it? Please circle your response.

Not Very Much					A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	

30. How much do you **enjoy** working with your 7th grader in each of these areas? Please circle your answer.

a. Math or Science homework?

Not at all							A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. Other Schoolwork?

Not at all							A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. Sports?

Not at all							A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

d. Other skill areas such as music, dance, or drama?

Not at all							A Great Deal
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

31. In general how **frustrating** do you find working with your 7th grader in the following areas?

a. Math or Science homework?

Not at all Frustrating							Very Frustrating
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. Other Schoolwork?

Not at all Frustrating							Very Frustrating
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. Sports?

Not at all Frustrating							Very Frustrating
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

d. Other skill areas such as music, dance, or drama?

Not at all Frustrating							Very Frustrating
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

32. How **effective** do you now feel you are in helping your 7th grader in:

a. Math?

Not at all Effective							Very Effective
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. Other School Subjects?

Not at all Effective							Very Effective
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

33. How **good** is your 7th grader in each activity area listed below?

a. Math?

Not at all Good							Very Good
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. Other Schoolwork?

Not at all Good							Very Good
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. Sports?

Not at all Good							Very Good
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

d. Music or other performing art?

Not at all Good							Very Good
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

34. How **important is it to your 7th grader** that he/she is very good in each of the following activities?

a. Math?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

How **important is it to your 7th grader** that he/she is very good in each of the following

activities?

b. Other Schoolwork?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. Sports?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

d. Music or other performing art?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

e. That he/she be popular?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

f. Be good looking (physically)

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

35. In **comparison to other children**, how well do you think your 7th grader will do in each of these areas this year?

a. Math?

Much Worse Than Other Children							Much Better Than Other Children
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. Other Schoolwork?

Much Worse Than Other Children							Much Better Than Other Children
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. Sports?

Much Worse Than Other Children							Much Better Than Other Children
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

In **comparison to other children**, how well do you think your 7th grader will do in each of these areas this year?

d. Music or other performing art?

Much Worse Than Other Children							Much Better Than Other Children
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

36. In comparison to other 7th graders, how **good looking** is your 7th grader?

Much Worse Looking							Much Better Looking
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

37. In comparison to other 7th graders, how much **trouble** does your 7th grader get into?

Much Less Trouble							Much More Trouble
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

38. How well is your 7th grader **adjusting** to junior high school?

Not Very Well							Very Well
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

39. How **important** is it to **you** that your 7th grader...

a. do well in math?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

b. do well in school in general?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

c. do well in sports or
extracurricular activities?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

How **important** is it to **you** that your 7th grader...

d. do well in music or some other performing art?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

e. be popular at school?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

f. be good looking physically?

Not at all Important							Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	6		7

40. These are some things that might worry parents when they think about their child's future or their own financial situation.

How concerned are you...

a. that your 7th grader lacks sufficient initiative or motivation to get as much education as you would like him/her to have?

Not at all Concerned	A Little Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Pretty Concerned	Very Concerned
12	3	4	5	

b. that you may not be able to pay for the education or training your 7th grader may need to get a good job?

Not at all Concerned	A Little Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Pretty Concerned	Very Concerned
12	3	4	5	

c. that you might get laid off from your job?

Not Applicable (0)	Not at all Concerned	A Little Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Pretty Concerned	Very Concerned
	1	2	3	4	5

d. that your spouse or partner might get laid off from his/her job?

Not Applicable (0)	Not at all Concerned	A Little Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Pretty Concerned	Very Concerned
	1	2	3	4	5

Please circle your answer.

41. I want my 7th grader to follow my directions even if he/she disagrees with my reasons.

Almost Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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42. I expect my 7th grader to ask my permission to do most things.

Almost Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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43. I do not like my 7th grader to disagree with me in front of others.

Almost Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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44. I encourage my 7th grader to give his/her ideas and opinions even if we might disagree.

Almost Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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45. I find that listening to what my 7th grader has to say helps me reach a better decision.

Almost Never (1)	Rarely (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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46a. Developmental Expectations

Parents differ in what skills they think are important for their children to learn. Listed below are a set of skills that most parents think are important. Of all the important goals listed below, please check the **three** goals you think are the **most important** for your 7th grader.

- a. ____ concern for and willingness to care for other people
- b. ____ curiosity
- c. ____ good communication skills
- d. ____ good problem solving skills
- e. ____ being able to get along well with others
- f. ____ assertiveness
- g. ____ following rules well
- h. ____ persistence
- i. ____ creativity
- j. ____ obedience
- k. ____ independence
- l. ____ leadership

46b. Now, please check the **three goals you think are the **least important** for your 7th grader.**

- a. ____ concern for and willingness to care for other people
- b. ____ curiosity
- c. ____ good communication skills
- d. ____ good problem solving skills
- e. ____ being able to get along well with others
- f. ____ assertiveness
- g. ____ following rules well
- h. ____ persistence
- i. ____ creativity
- j. ____ obedience
- k. ____ independence
- l. ____ leadership

47. Please circle your choice for each of the following statements.

a. It is usually better for everyone involved if the man is the "breadwinner" outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4

b. Babies and young children are likely to suffer if the mother works outside the home.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4

c. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4

d. Women who aren't willing to take some time off from their careers probably shouldn't have children.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4

Now some questions about you and your child's experiences with school.

48. Please **think about last year**. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your 7th grader's school last year?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My child's sixth grade school expected all children to do well.	1	2	3	4	5
b. My child's sixth grade school encouraged parents to visit if they had special concerns about their child.	1	2	3	4	5
c. In my child's sixth grade school, the opinions of parents were <u>not</u> respected.	1	2	3	4	5
d. The staff cared about students as individuals.	1	2	3	4	5
e. Parents were encouraged to express their opinions.	1	2	3	4	5
f. Parents were involved in making important decisions at my child's sixth grade school.	1	2	3	4	5
g. My child's sixth grade school encouraged parents to be involved in school activities on a daily basis.	1	2	3	4	5
h. My child felt like he/she belonged.	1	2	3	4	5
i. The school did a good enough job at helping people from <u>my</u> ethnic background feel comfortable getting involved in various activities.	1	2	3	4	5

49. While your 7th grade child was in the **sixth grade**, how often did the following take place?

	Never	Almost Never	Occasionally	Sometimes	Very Often
a. You received personal notes or phone calls from the sixth grade teachers concerning <u>problems</u> with your child's academic performance or behavior.	1	2	3	4	5

While your 7th grade child was in the **sixth grade**, how often did the following take place?

	Never	Almost Never	Occasionally	Sometimes	Very Often
b. You received personal notes or phone calls from the sixth grade teachers concerning <u>good things</u> about your child's academic performance or behavior	1	2	3	4	5
c. Your child's sixth grade teacher asked you to visit the classroom.	1	2	3	4	5
d. Your child's sixth grade teacher told you what skills your child needed to learn that year.	1	2	3	4	5
e. Your child's sixth grade teacher explained how to check your child's homework	1	2	3	4	5
f. Your child's sixth grade teacher gave you ideas how to help your child at home.	1	2	3	4	5

Please think about the school your 7th grader is attending this year...

50.

a. the teachers and staff are sensitive to the special needs of junior high school children.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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b. the teachers and staff are sensitive to the variety of backgrounds that the children come from.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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c. all the children are expected to do well in their work.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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d. the staff care about students as individuals.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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At my 7th grader's **current** junior high school...

e. children generally feel that they belong.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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f. I would be comfortable meeting with my 7th grader's current teacher(s).

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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g. it is easy to make appointments with teachers and the principal.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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h. the teachers understand the parents' points of view.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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i. the principal understands the parents' points of view.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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j. people with ideas or values different from the commonly accepted ones get a chance to be heard.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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k. parents are encouraged to visit if they have special concerns about their child.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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l. my 7th grader's current teacher(s) and I have different goals for my child.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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At my 7th grader's **current** junior high school...

m. the teachers and staff work hard to get parents involved.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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51. Has the school provided you with information on the school goals for this year?

Yes (1)	No (2)
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52. Has the school provided you with information on the school policies, academic programs and activities of the school?

Yes (1)	No (2)
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53. How often does your 7th grader's **current teacher(s)** want you to do each of these things...

a. watch a T.V. show with your child and talk about it later?

Never (1)	Less than Once a Month (2)	Once a Month (3)	Every 2-3 Weeks (4)	Once a Week (5)	3-4 Times a Week (6)	Daily (7)	I Don't Know (8)
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b. help your child with worksheets or homework?

Never (1)	Less than Once a Month (2)	Once a Month (3)	Every 2-3 Weeks (4)	Once a Week (5)	3-4 Times a Week (6)	Daily (7)	I Don't Know (8)
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c. sign your child's school homework?

Never (1)	Less than Once a Month (2)	Once a Month (3)	Every 2-3 Weeks (4)	Once a Week (5)	3-4 Times a Week (6)	Daily (7)	I Don't Know (8)
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d. visit the classroom to watch how the child is taught in school?

Never (1)	Less than Once a Month (2)	Once a Month (3)	Every 2-3 Weeks (4)	Once a Week (5)	3-4 Times a Week (6)	Daily (7)	I Don't Know (8)
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54. **This year**, how often does the teacher give assignments to your child that requires your child to get information from the family or the community he/she lives in (for example, having your child interview you about your life experiences)?

Never	Less than Once a Month	Once a Month	Every 2-3 Weeks	Once a Week	3-4 Times a Week	Daily
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

55. How much has each of the following limited the amount of time you spend helping your 7th grader at home with his/her homework?

	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
a. Work	1	2	3	4
b. I have small children at home or others needing care.	1	2	3	4
c. I do not have the energy.	1	2	3	4
d. I don't know enough about the subjects to help with homework.	1	2	3	4
e. My 7th grader does not like me to help with homework.	1	2	3	4

56. How much has each of the following limited how much time you have being involved at your child's school?

	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot
a. Work	1	2	3	4
b. I have no way to get to school	1	2	3	4
c. I am not interested in doing things at school.	1	2	3	4
d. I have special family problems.	1	2	3	4
e. I'm too busy.	1	2	3	4
f. I do not feel I can be of help.	1	2	3	4
g. My 7th grader asked me not to help at school.	1	2	3	4
h. I do not have the energy.	1	2	3	4
i. The teacher or other school personnel do not make me feel comfortable or welcome.	1	2	3	4
j. I have too many children to do things at school.	1	2	3	4
k. I don't think I should be very involved now that my 7th grader is in Jr. High.	1	2	3	4
l. I don't feel safe going to my 7th grader's school	1	2	3	4

57. How often do you expect to be involved in making decisions that affect the children at the school your 7th grader currently attends?

Not At All (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Very Often (5)
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58. How often do you expect parents (or representatives of parents) to have input in evaluating the school's programs that affect their children at the school your 7th grader currently attends?

Not At All (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Very Often (5)
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59. How often do you expect parents (or representatives of parents) to be given the opportunity to express their views on important school issues at the school your 7th grader currently attends?

Not At All (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Frequently (4)	Very Often (5)
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60. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

a. When parents are actively involved in their child's school, the schools are more effective.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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b. When parents are actively involved in their child's school, the school becomes more responsive to the needs and concerns of the child's ethnic/cultural heritage.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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c. Teachers should do more to help get parents involved in the school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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d. Teachers have enough to do without also having to work with parents.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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e. Parents should take more responsibility for getting involved in their children's school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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f. I feel responsible if my 7th grader does his or her homework poorly.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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g. My 7th grader will not be successful in life if he/she isn't successful in school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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h. My 7th grader will have a hard time getting a good job even if he/she does well in school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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i. My 7th grader usually learns more useful and important things from friends and relatives than he/she learns in school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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j. Education is the best ticket to a better life for the kids in this neighborhood.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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61. Now some questions about your experiences at school while you were growing up. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

a. I enjoyed the time I spent in my junior high and high school.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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b. At the schools I went to, I felt that the teachers were truly interested in helping me learn.

Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (4)	Strongly Disagree (5)
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c. At the schools I went to, I felt that no one cared about what happened to me.

64. Thinking about last year, rate how true each of the following statements were for your child's **sixth grade** school.

a. Ethnic and racial differences were seen as contributing to the richness of the school .

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. Ideas from various ethnic and racial groups were sought in problem-solving efforts.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. Students were treated the same regardless of sex.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. Students were treated the same regardless of race.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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e. Parents were treated the same regardless of sex.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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f. Parents were treated the same regardless of race.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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g. Teachers were sensitive to the difficult family situations of some students.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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h. There was racial tension between school staff members and parents of different racial or ethnic backgrounds.

Almost Never (1)	Occasionally (2)	Sometimes (3)	Usually (4)	Almost Always (5)
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Now we would like to ask some questions about how comfortable you feel at your 7th grader's school. Please circle your answer.

65. Do you feel more comfortable talking with your 7th grader's White teachers or Black teachers?

I feel...

1. a lot more comfortable talking with White teachers.
2. a little more comfortable talking with White teachers.
3. equally comfortable talking with Black and White teachers.
4. a little more comfortable talking with Black teachers.
5. a lot more comfortable talking with Black teacher.

66. Who do you feel that your 7th grader's teachers have more respect for : Black parents or White parents?

1. Teachers respect Black parents a lot more than White parents.
2. Teachers respect Black parents a little more than White parents.
3. Teachers respect Black parents and White parents the same amount.
4. Teachers respect White parents a little more than Black parents.
5. Teachers respect White parents a lot more than Black parents.

67. Do you feel more comfortable participating in your 7th grader's school events when parents of your same racial background are also participating?

It doesn't Matter 1	Yes, a Little More Comfortable 2	Yes, Quite a Bit More Comfortable 3	Yes, a Lot More Comfortable 4
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68. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Because there is tension between Whites and Blacks at your seventh grader's school, you are not as involved as you would like to be.

Strongly Agree 1	Agree 2	Neither Agree nor Disagree 3	Disagree 4	Strongly Disagree 5
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69. Do you think the school did enough to make parents of your ethnic and racial background feel comfortable?

YES	NO (if no, skip to 71)
1	2

70. What did the teachers and principal do to help parents from different ethnic and racial backgrounds feel comfortable in getting involved with school activities (e.g., social events, cultural/historical events, etc.)?

71. If you felt that the school didn't do a good enough job making people from your ethnic and racial background feel comfortable getting involved in various activities, why do you think that was?

72. Families have various things in their house that children sometimes use. Please indicate whether you have any of the following in your home. Put a check mark by each if you have it (or them). Please check each thing you have in your home.

- a. _____ dictionary
 - b. _____ encyclopedia
 - c. _____ musical instruments
 - d. _____ books designed to help children acquire specific skills (such as how-to books, children's cook books, etc.)
 - e. _____ fiction books for kids your 7th grader's age
 - f. _____ educational books or magazines
 - g. _____ newspapers
 - h. _____ athletic equipment
 - i. _____ microcomputer
 - j. _____ video games (Nintendo, Game boy, etc)
 - k. _____ religious book and materials
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If you have no older children you are finished, Thank You!

If you have an older child, please continue onto the next few pages.

BELOW ARE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR
OLDER CHILD THAT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDY

During the past couple of months (including today), how much has your **older child** done these things?

74. How much has your **older child**...

a. shouted or yelled at you?

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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b. hit, shoved, or pushed you?

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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c. felt angry toward you?

Almost Never (1)	Less Than Once a Month (2)	1-3 Times a Month (3)	About Once a Week (4)	A Few Times a Week (5)	Almost Everyday (6)
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75. **My older child**...

a. is very good at figuring out problems and planning how to solve them.

Almost Never (1)	Once in Sometimes a While (2)	(3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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b. is very good at carrying out the plans he/she makes for solving problems.

Almost Never (1)	Once in Sometimes a While (2)	(3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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c. is very good at bouncing back quickly from bad experiences.

Almost Never (1)	Once in Sometimes a While (2)	(3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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d. has a hard time handling problems when she/he gets upset.

Almost Never (1)	Once in Sometimes a While (2)	(3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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My older child...

e. makes me proud.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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f. gets along well with people.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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g. is smart

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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h. is depressed.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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i. is hard to get along with.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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j. is fun to be around.

Almost Never (1)	Once in a While (2)	Sometimes (3)	Often (4)	Almost Always (5)
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76. How do you think your **older child compares** to other children in the following areas?

a. Schoolwork?

Much Worse Than Other Children							Much Better Than Other Children
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

How do you think your **older child compares** to other children his/her in the following areas?

b. Sports?

Much Worse
Than Other
Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much Better
Than Other
Children

7

c. Music (singing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument)?

Much Worse
Than Other
Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much Better
Than Other
Children

7

77. In comparison to other children his/her age, how **good looking** is your **older child**?

Much Worse
Looking Than
Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much Better
Looking Than
Children

7

78. In comparison to other children his/her age, how **smart** is your **older child**?

Much Less Smart
Than Other
Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much Smarter
Than Other
Children

7

79. In comparison to other children, how much **trouble** did your **older child** get into while he/she was in junior high school?

Much Less
Trouble Than
Other Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much More
Trouble Other
Children

7

80. How well did your **older child adjust** to junior high school?

Not Very
Well

1 2 3 4 5 6

Very
Well

7

In comparison to other children, how **popular** is your **older child** at school?

Much Less
Popular Than
Other Children

1 2 3 4 5 6

Much More
Popular Other
Children

7

