

PARENTAL MODERNITY SCALE

Here are some statements other parents have made about rearing and educating children. For each one, please circle the number that best indicates how you feel in general, not just about your own child.

	Strongly disagree	Mildly disagree	Not sure	Mildly agree	Strongly agree
1. Since parents lack the special training in education, they should not question the teacher's teaching methods.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Children should be treated the same regardless of differences among them.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Children should always obey the teacher.	1	2	3	4	5
4. Preparing for the future is more important for a child than enjoying today.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Children will not do the right thing unless they must.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Children should be allowed to disagree with their parents if they feel their own ideas are better.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Children should be kept busy with work and study at home and at school.	1	2	3	4	5
8. The major goal of education is to put basic information into the minds of the children.	1	2	3	4	5
9. In order to be fair, a teacher must treat all children alike.	1	2	3	4	5
10. The most important thing to teach children is absolute obedience to whoever is in authority.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Children learn best by doing things themselves rather than listening to others.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Children must be carefully trained early in life or their natural impulses will make them unmanageable.	1	2	3	4	5
13. Children have a right to their own point of view and should be allowed to express it.	1	2	3	4	5
14. Children's learning results mainly from being presented basic information again and again.	1	2	3	4	5
15. Children like to teach other children.	1	2	3	4	5

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16. The most important thing to teach children is absolute obedience to parents.	1	2	3	4	5
17. The school has the main responsibility for a child's education.	1	2	3	4	5
18. Children generally do not do what they should unless someone sees it.	1	2	3	4	5
19. Parents should teach their children that they should be doing something useful at all times.	1	2	3	4	5
20. It's all right for a child to disagree with his/her parents.	1	2	3	4	5
21. Children should always obey their parents.	1	2	3	4	5
22. Teachers need not be concerned with what goes on in a child's home.	1	2	3	4	5
23. Parents should go along with the game when their child is pretending something.	1	2	3	4	5
24. Parents should teach their children to have unquestioning loyalty to them.	1	2	3	4	5
25. Teachers should discipline all the children the same.	1	2	3	4	5
26. Children should not question the authority of their parents.	1	2	3	4	5
27. What parents teach their child at home is very important to his/her school success.	1	2	3	4	5
28. Children will be bad unless they are taught what is right.	1	2	3	4	5
29. A child's ideas should be seriously considered in making family decisions.	1	2	3	4	5
30. A teacher has no right to seek information about a child's home background.	1	2	3	4	5