

## Newcomer Students' Survey - Fall 2009

**Student's General Information:** Please fill-in the blanks or check the appropriate box for this section.

1. Subject Studying in this class: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Gender:     Male    Female    8. What is your first language? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How long have you been in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What grade level did you finish in your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_  
11b. If "no schooling" check this box

**Directions:** We are interested in finding out about some of your experiences in school. Please, for the following items, check the box that corresponds to your answer.

12. How many days of school did you miss over the past four weeks?  
 None             1 to 2 days             3 to 4 days  
 5 to 10 days     More than 10 days
13. How many times were you late for school over the past four weeks?  
 None             1 or 2 days             3 or 4 days  
 5 to 10 days     More than 10 days
14. How much time do you spend doing homework for this class each week?  
 None             Less than 1 hour a week     1 to 2 hours a week  
 3 to 4 hours a week     More than 4 hours a week
15. Mark the statement that best describes your grades from classes last semester.  
 Mostly A's (an average of 90-100)  
 Mostly B's (an average of 80-89)  
 Mostly C's (an average of 70-79)  
 Mostly D's (an average of 60-69)  
 Mostly below D (Below 60)
16. Mark the statement that best describes your grades, so far, from classes this semester.  
 Mostly A's (an average of 90-100)  
 Mostly B's (an average of 80-89)  
 Mostly C's (an average of 70-79)  
 Mostly D's (an average of 60-69)  
 Mostly below D (Below 60)

Please tell us about your family life in the USA

17. Who do you live with?  
 Mother only                             Father only                             Mother and Father

- Mother and Step-father       Father and Step-mother  
 Grandparents                       Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

18. Do your parent(s)/Guardian(s) work? (Please check all that apply).

- My mother works                       My father works  
 My Step-parent works               Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you live with other children? (Please check all that apply).

- Brother/Sister                       Half brother/sister  
 Cousins                                   Nieces/Nephews

20. Who helps with the childcare if parent(s) or Guardian(s) are working?

- Sibling                       Grandparent  
 Friend                       I do the childcare  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you have a job?

- yes       no

22. Approximately, how many hours do you work in a week (including weekends)?

- 1-4 hours                       5-10 hours                       11-15 hours  
 16-20 hours                       21-25 hours                       more then 25 hours

23. Why do you work?

- Personal money                       To help with family expenses  
 Money for college                       Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Language and the School Environment

24. Does your teacher ever allow you to talk with your classmates or get help on class assignments in your native language?

- Yes                       No

25. When you need help using English for daily activities, such as grocery shopping or at your work, who are the three people that you most commonly ask for help?

- No one                       My Teacher                       My Parent/Guardian                       My Brother/Sister  
 My Friends                       My Counselor                       Church member                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. Have you joined any groups at school? (Check all that apply).

- Sports Team                       Academic Club  
 Theatre Arts                       Other Academic Program (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you joined any groups or organizations outside of school? (Check all that apply).

- YMCA or Club                       Community Program  
 Church Program                       Other (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: We are interested in finding out about some of your perceptions and beliefs about this class. Please, for the following items, check or bubble the box that corresponds to your answer.

	YES	NO
28. I am very good in the subject I am studying in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29. Most students in this class do better than me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30. I am one of the best students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
31. I do my work as well as other students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
32. I am one of the poorest performing students in this class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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| 33. When I start an assignment, I usually finish it even if I need to ask for help.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 34. When I do well in this class, it is because I work hard.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 35. When I do my work in this class, I am usually careful to make sure I do it right.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 36. When I have hard work in this class, I usually keep trying to finish it even if it takes more time.                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 37. Sometimes I am lucky to do well in this class given the difficulty of the subject.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 38. I expect to do well in this class since I know how to do most of the work and when I have questions I ask for help.        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 39. I am treated the same as other students in this class.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 40. I get the same amount of help from the teacher as do other students.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 41. My teacher calls on me as much as other students.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 42. I get the same chance to answer questions in class as other students.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 43. My work receives as much praise as other students' work.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 44. My teacher helps me when I have trouble with my work.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 45. My teacher carefully checks all my work.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 46. My teacher lets me know when my work is good.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 47. My teacher always tells me how I am doing in class.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 48. My teacher does tell me why I get problems or answers wrong for the work I do in this class.                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 49. I think I have what it takes to succeed in school.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 50. I plan to finish high school.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 51. I plan to go to college.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 52. I plan to finish college.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 53. What I am learning in this class will help me in my future career.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 54. I need help in figuring out how to succeed in school.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 55. Sometimes I feel that I am not going to make it through school.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 56. I usually translate, in my head, to my first language in order to understand what I need to do in class.                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 57. Many of the things we do in this class I already learned while in school in my country of origin.                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 58. When I cannot do a problem, I usually think about it in my first language and that helps me to figure out how to solve it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Thank you!