

Student motivation survey

Leave your name off this sheet. There are no right answers: we want to know what makes the work in this class feel worth doing, and what gets in the way.

Class or subject _____

Date _____

For each statement, tick one box from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE				STRONGLY AGREE
1 The topics we cover in this class interest me.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
2 I can see how what we learn here will be useful to me.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
3 If I put in the effort, I can do well in this class.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
4 I get some say in how I do my work in this class.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
5 My teacher cares whether I learn, not just whether I finish.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
6 I feel like I belong in this class.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
7 When the work gets hard, I keep going.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
8 I have a goal of my own for this class.	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
9 What makes you want to try your hardest in this class? (tick all that apply)					
☐ Learning something interesting ☐ A good grade ☐ My future plans ☐ My family ☐ My friends					
☐ Teacher praise ☐ Beating my last result					
10 What gets in the way of your motivation most often?					
☐ The work is too hard ☐ The work is too easy ☐ Not seeing the point ☐ Falling behind					
☐ Distractions or tiredness					
11 Think of a lesson or project that made you want to work hard. What made it different?					

12 What is one thing that would make you try harder in this class?					

Optional questions (1 of 2)

Add any of these to the core questions. Keep the numbering running on from page one.

Why I do the work

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE		STRONGLY AGREE	
13 I do my schoolwork because I like finding things out.	☐	☐	☐	☐
14 I do my schoolwork because it matters for my future.	☐	☐	☐	☐
15 I do my schoolwork so I will not feel guilty.	☐	☐	☐	☐
16 I do my schoolwork mainly to stay out of trouble.	☐	☐	☐	☐
17 I do my schoolwork mostly for grades or rewards.	☐	☐	☐	☐
18 Honestly, I do not see the point of my schoolwork.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Goals and study habits

STATEMENT	NEVER		ALWAYS	
19 I set a goal before I start a test or a big assignment.	☐	☐	☐	☐
20 I plan when I will do my homework and revision.	☐	☐	☐	☐
21 After a poor mark, I work out what to change.	☐	☐	☐	☐
22 How long do you study on a typical school night?	☐ None ☐ Under 30 min ☐ 30 to 60 min ☐ 1 to 2 hours ☐ Over 2 hours			

23 What is one goal you want to reach by the end of this term?

Classroom climate

STATEMENT	STRONGLY DISAGREE		STRONGLY AGREE	
24 In this class, mistakes are treated as part of learning.	☐	☐	☐	☐
25 I can ask a question in class without feeling embarrassed.	☐	☐	☐	☐
26 My teacher notices when I have worked hard.	☐	☐	☐	☐
27 Our teacher explains why the work we do matters.	☐	☐	☐	☐

Optional questions (2 of 2)

Add any of these to the core questions. Keep the numbering running on from page one.

About you (optional)

28 Which stage of school are you in?

- ☐ Middle school ☐ High school, first two years ☐ High school, last two years ☐ College or university
☐ Prefer not to say
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29 Which subject are you answering about?

- ☐ English or language arts ☐ Math ☐ Science ☐ Social studies or history ☐ Another subject
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Thank you. Your answers are anonymous.

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