

Attitudes Toward School

Definition

How students feel about school and how they feel about themselves as learners has important effects on their well-being and success in the school environment. Those students who like school and are confident in their abilities in the classroom are likely more engaged and motivated than those students who have negative attitudes and low confidence in their competencies (Valeski & Stipek, 2001).

Special Notes

This instrument is intended for use with students aged 12 to 17 years old, or are in grades 6 through 12.

Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 are reverse coded, such that 1 = Totally Agree and 5 = Totally Disagree.

Related Indicators

- School Climate
- School Membership
- School Engagement
- Academic Self-Efficacy

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Please read each statement carefully, and circle your answer based on how much you agree or disagree by using the following scale from:

1 = Totally Disagree to 5 = Totally Agree

1.	I like my teacher(s).	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
2.	The principal cares about students.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
3.	I am doing well in school.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
4.	I am learning a lot in school.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
5.	I try hard to get good grades.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
6.	I usually do my homework on time.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
7.	I enjoy school activities such as sports or clubs.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
8.	I plan to complete high school.	Totally Disagree 1	2	3	4	Totally Agree 5
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9.	I am angry at my school.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
10.	My teacher(s) don't care about me.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
11.	My teacher(s) don't really understand me.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
12.	I am not interested in what my teachers have to say to me.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
13.	I am not really learning anything important in school.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
14.	I don't really care about my grades.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5
15.	I do not feel a part of my school.	Totally Agree 1	2	3	4	Totally Disagree 5

Source: Anderson, 1999.