49-item College Planning Behaviors Scale

Directions: You will respond to each item two times in this survey. You will answer YES or NO about whether you have done the listed activity. For example, if the activity was “I have taken Algebra 1”, you will choose YES if you have already taken this course and you will respond NO if you have not already taken this course. ONLY RESPOND YES IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS LISTED ACTIVITY, NOT WHETHER YOU PLAN TO DO THE LISTED ACTIVITY. All responses are voluntary.

Part I: BEHAVIORS SECTION: Select if you have already done each listed activity. Remember that college means any education after high school.

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| BEHAVIOR | YES | NO |
| 1. I have taken the ACT and/or SAT |  |  |
| 1. I have applied to college |  |  |
| 1. I have a plan to pay for college |  |  |
| 1. I have taken a practice test for the ACT or SAT |  |  |
| 1. I have sent my ACT and/or SAT scores to colleges where I plan to apply |  |  |
| 1. I have researched the education or training required for my careers of interest |  |  |
| 1. I have researched colleges that provide training for my career of interest |  |  |
| 1. I have reviewed college admissions requirements |  |  |
| 1. I have researched how to apply for college |  |  |
| 1. I have requested that my transcript be sent to the colleges where I have applying |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with my family about how to pay for college |  |  |
| 1. I have completed the FAFSA |  |  |
| 1. I have researched how to apply for financial aid |  |  |
| 1. I have found someone who can answer my questions about college |  |  |
| 1. I have found out how much it would cost to attend college |  |  |
| 1. I study hard to try to do well in school |  |  |
| 1. I have taken the PSAT |  |  |
| 1. I have taken math beyond Algebra II |  |  |
| 1. I have identified steps to reach my educational goals |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with my family about what I want to do after high school |  |  |
| 1. I have identified someone who can write a recommendation letter for me |  |  |
| 1. I have completed a college tour |  |  |
| 1. I have visited a college campus |  |  |
| 1. I have explored colleges on the computer |  |  |
| 1. I have researched what programs of study are available in college |  |  |
| 1. I have attended a financial aid workshop or scholarship night |  |  |
| 1. I have learned the difference between grants and loans |  |  |
| 1. I have checked my grade point average |  |  |
| 1. I have enrolled in a college prep curriculum at my high school |  |  |
| 1. I have started exploring careers |  |  |
| 1. I have researched information about a career |  |  |
| 1. I have taken/am currently taking at least one challenging course in high school |  |  |
| 1. I have figured out my career interests and abilities |  |  |
| 1. I have taken/am currently taking classes related to my career interests |  |  |
| 1. I have identified the steps I need to get the career I want |  |  |
| 1. I complete my homework regularly |  |  |
| 1. I have made a list of college application deadlines |  |  |
| 1. I have gathered applications for the colleges I am considering |  |  |
| 1. Someone has reviewed my college application materials for errors |  |  |
| 1. I/my family have started saving for college |  |  |
| 1. I have searched for scholarships |  |  |
| 1. I have compared the costs of different colleges |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with my school counselor or another adult in my school about my options after high school |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with a college representative or admissions counselor |  |  |
| 1. I have participated/currently participate in an extracurricular club or sport |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with friends about what they want to do after high school |  |  |
| 1. I have (or do now) volunteered or participate in community service |  |  |
| 1. I have talked with my parents or other adults about their jobs |  |  |
| 1. I have run for a leadership position in a club or sport |  |  |

Demographics:

1. Are you:
   1. Male
   2. Female
   3. Prefer not to answer
2. How old are you?
   1. 13
   2. 14
   3. 15
   4. 16
   5. 17
   6. 18+
3. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
   1. Yes
   2. No
4. What is your race? (check all that apply)
   1. Black or African American
   2. Asian
   3. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
   4. American Indian or Alaska Native
   5. White
5. What school do you currently attend?
   1. West High School
6. Please identify all of the adults who lived in your home and/or were very involved in raising you:
   1. Mother
   2. Father
   3. Step-mother
   4. Step-father
   5. Grandmother
   6. Grandfather
   7. Other adult male (such as parent’s boyfriend, uncle)
   8. Other adult female (such as parent’s girlfriend, aunt)
   9. Older sibling who helped raise you
   10. Another adult not listed
7. What is the highest level of education for your mother (or adult female who raised you)?
   1. Less than high school
   2. High school graduate (and did not go to any college or training after high school)
   3. Some college but no degree (took some courses but did not finish)
   4. Postsecondary certificate (specialized training such as cosmetology, HVAC, or police academy)
   5. Two year college graduate (from a school such as Pellissippi State Community College or Roane State)
   6. Four-year college graduate (from a school such as UT or ETSU)
   7. Graduate school (college beyond the four-year college degree such as law school or medical school)
   8. I have no idea my mother’s level of education
8. What does your mother (or other female who raised you) do for her job/career/paid work? If she does not have a paid position, please write ‘none’.
   1. (fill in blank)
9. What is the highest level of education for your father (or adult male who raised you)?
   1. Less than high school
   2. High school graduate (and did not go to any college or training after high school)
   3. Some college but no degree (took some courses but did not finish)
   4. Postsecondary certificate (specialized training such as cosmetology, HVAC, or police academy)
   5. Two year college graduate (from a school such as Pellissippi State Community College or Roane State)
   6. Four-year college graduate (from a school such as UT or ETSU)
   7. Graduate school (college beyond the four-year college degree such as law school or medical school)
   8. I have no idea my father’s level of education
10. What does your father (or other male who raised you) do for his job/career/paid work? If he does not have a paid position, please write ‘none’.
    1. (fill in blank)
11. Who, if anyone, in your immediate family (those who live or used to live in your home) has attended college? Do not write their name, just their relationship to you (such as brother, aunt).
    1. (fill in the blank)
12. What do you plan to do after high school?
    1. Enter the workforce (get a job)
    2. Join the military
    3. Attend a specialized training program (such as cosmetology or HVAC)
    4. Attend a two-year college (such as Pellissippi State or Roane State)
    5. Attend a four-year college (such as UT or ETSU)
    6. Start at a two-year college and then transfer to a four-year college
    7. Other (please specify):
13. What career do you hope to enter (what do you want to be)? List up to two choices:
    1. (fill in the blank)
14. Please rate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements (from strongly agree to strongly disagree)
    1. I would consider a career that involved doing a lot of math
    2. I would consider a career that involved doing a lot of science
    3. I feel sure that I can find information about STEM-related careers
15. Last semester/year, what were your grads in each of the following kinds of courses? (A, B, C, D, F, did not take this course last semester)
    1. Math
    2. Science
    3. Social Studies
    4. English
    5. Foreign Language
    6. Fine Art
16. Across all your classes in high school (9th grade until now), have you earned:
    1. Mostly A’s
    2. A’s and B’s
    3. Mostly B’s
    4. B’s and C’s
    5. Mostly C’s
    6. C’s and D’s
    7. Mostly D’s
    8. D’s and F’s
    9. Mostly F’s