Freshman Needs Assessment Survey

SCRIPT TO BE READ:

Today we're asking for your help in completing a brief survey of freshman needs and concerns in our school. These surveys are ANONYMOUS- so please don't write your names on them. The information will be used to help the counselors decide what programs and services would be most helpful to all of you.

I'll first read the directions, then pass out the surveys and scantron sheets.

The survey is divided into two sections. In the first section, read each sentence carefully and finish the statement by writing your response to the question ON THE SURVEY SHEET, NOT ON THE SCANTRON SHEET.

In the second section, please select ONLY ONE RESPONSE for each question and put your answers on the scantron sheet using a PENCIL ONLY by filling out the bubbles accordingly.

When you are finished, come up and put you scantron sheet in the envelope marked “SCANTRON” and your survey in the envelope marked “SURVEY”.

THANK YOU for your participation in this survey. Your honest and thoughtful responses will be very helpful as we continue to help all of you do your best and get the support you need!

Note to Teachers: If students have concerns or questions about the survey itself or anything else, please have them stop by the counseling center and set up an appointment with their counselor. MANY thanks for your help in administering this survey. We are grateful for your support and cooperation!
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Your school leaders would like to help make your next four years the greatest they can be! Your responses to the survey below will help us do our best to help you. The purpose of the survey is to gain information to better serve you and your classmates.

Please follow the directions for each part of this survey.
This is an anonymous survey: Do NOT put your name on it.

Please answer these questions ON THIS SHEET.
THANK YOU for your honest and thoughtful input!

1. The biggest challenges I face as a ninth grader are.

2. In order to be successful in high school, I need to.

3. The support that I need in order to be successful in high school is.

4. If this school could do or change one thing to encourage students to do their best in high school it would be.
For this section of the survey, please put your answers on the scantron sheet using a pencil only (NO PENS)!! Please fill in the bubbles accordingly.

1. I am:  Male (A)      Female (B)

2. I live with:
   Single Mother (A)
   Single Father (B)
   Two Biological Parents (C)
   Parent/Stepparent (D)
   Other (E)

3. My ethnicity is:
   American Indian/Alaskan Native (A)
   Asian/Pacific Islander (B)
   Hispanic/Chicano/Latino (C)
   Black [Not Hispanic Origin] (D)
   White [Not Hispanic Origin] (E)

For the following section, choose one letter that matches one of the following responses:

Strongly Agree (SA)=A   Agree (A)=B   Disagree (D)=C   Strongly Disagree (SD)=D

4. I have gotten enough help in the transition process from middle school to high school.  A  B  C  D

5. I understand how high school grades could affect my career choice.     A  B  C  D

6. I am satisfied with the grades that I am currently earning.      A  B  C  D

7. I need help to improve my study habits and skills.       A  B  C  D

8. I need to develop better ways of managing the demands of school, social activities, and work.       A  B  C  D

9. In my school, academic help, such as tutors and study skills groups, are available for you if you need them.    A  B  C  D

10. I feel comfortable asking my teachers for help.  A   B   C   D

11. There is at least one adult in school I can go to with a concern/problem.   A  B  C  D

12. The workload and expectations in high school are greater than in junior high.   A  B  C  D
13. I feel my teachers encourage me a lot to be successful in school.  A B C D
14. I feel my parents encourage me a lot to succeed academically.  A B C D
15. I am motivated to succeed in high school.  A B C D
16. I have goals or plans for what I want to do after high school.  A B C D
17. I feel safe walking through school hallways.  A B C D
18. Racial prejudice is a problem in my school.  A B C D
19. In my school, students value cultures/religions that are different from their own.  A B C D
20. In my school, it is easy to participate in after-school activities and organizations.  A B C D
21. It is hard to control my stress.  A B C D
22. It is hard for me to control my anger.  A B C D
23. I generally feel good about myself.  A B C D
24. I am happy with my social skills and the friendships I have developed in high school.  A B C D
25. I often feel anxious or depressed.  A B C D
26. I have difficulty communicating with others.  A B C D
27. I have enough skills to deal with friendship issues.  A B C D
28. I am concerned about my own or another student's drug or alcohol use.  A B C D
29. Drug and alcohol abuse is a problem for many students in my high school.  A B C D
30. I would like more information about sexuality and sex.  A B C D
31. I feel comfortable talking to the school counselor(s) about personal or school issues.  A B C D
32. I need to have more information about the school counseling services.  A B C D