

THE STUDY BEHAVIOR INVENTORY – FORM HS

This survey is designed to find out what study habits you have developed at this stage of your life. Knowing the results of this inventory can help students develop better and more productive ways to study and help teachers do a better job of teaching.

All the information in this survey will be kept in strictest confidence, so please be up front and honest in your answers.

The following is a list of statements of habits and attitudes that may affect use of study time and success in schoolwork and study. Please tell us how you behave concerning each of the 46 statements that follow. Do not answer according to what you think you should do or should not do, but according to what you yourself are in the habit of doing. Please answer all 46 questions.

After each statement, you will find columns A, B, C, and D. Mark each item by checking (✓) the space in column A, B, C, or D – whichever best describes your behavior. Check each item using the following key:

Column A: Rarely or never true in my case.
Column B: Sometimes true in my case.

Column C: Often or usually true in my case.
Column D: Always or almost always true in my case

Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often or usually	Almost always
A	B	C	D

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| 1. I don't use my time well. I spend too much time on some things and not enough on others..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. I find it hard to finish work by an assigned time. The work I turn in is often incomplete, poorly done, and handed in late..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. For some subjects, I like to study with others..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. I complete and turn in my homework on time..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. I try to use what I learn in one subject to help me in other subjects..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. I copy drawings and tables that the teacher puts on the board during class..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. I keep my work in school up-to-date by doing my work regularly every day..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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- 8. I prefer to study alone rather than with other people.....
- 9. When I begin to study I organize the things I have to do so that I can use my time in the best way possible.....
- 10. When I am having trouble in a subject I try to meet with the teacher to talk over the problem.....
- 11. Before I begin to work on term papers and reports I make sure that I clearly understand what the teacher wants before beginning to work.....
- 12. When I fall behind in my schoolwork I make up assignments without the teacher having to mention it to me.....
- 13. Difficulties in putting things down in writing slows me down on reports, essay tests and other work that I have to turn in.....
- 14. My teachers say my written work is rushed and poorly organized.....
- 15. I put aside returned tests, homework, and reports without bothering to correct errors that the teacher noted in them.....
- 16. I don't plan my study time very well.....
- 17. I try to study so that I will understand the material; not just memorize the facts.....
- 18. I wait until the last minute to write term papers and reports.....
- 19. I watch too much television and/or play too many video games and this interferes with my studies.....
- 20. I have trouble finding enough time to study because I have an after-school job that takes up too much of my time.....

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| 21. Personal problems with my family make it hard for me to concentrate on my studies..... | — | — | — | — |
| 22. I have to go over written materials several times. The words don't have much meaning the first time I go over them..... | — | — | — | — |
| 23. I try to connect the things I learn in each class with the things I learned in the class on previous days..... | — | — | — | — |
| 24. I skip over and don't pay attention to charts, graphs, and tables when reading an assignment..... | — | — | — | — |
| 25. After I read several pages of an assignment, I can't remember what I read..... | — | — | — | — |
| 26. When I read a long assignment in my textbook, I stop at times to review the main points in the material that I just read..... | — | — | — | — |
| 27. When I take notes during class I have trouble picking out the things that are important. I write down things that turn out not to be very important..... | — | — | — | — |
| 28. I keep all my material for each subject together and arranged neatly in some logical order..... | — | — | — | — |
| 29. I prepare for each class session by doing the assignments from the previous meeting of the class..... | — | — | — | — |
| 30. I get nervous and confused when taking tests. Because of this I don't answer the questions as well as I could have..... | — | — | — | — |
| 31. I find it hard to think clearly when I am faced with a test. Because of this problem I do poorly on tests..... | — | — | — | — |
| 32. I find it hard to pick out important material in reading assignments that will later appear on tests..... | — | — | — | — |
| 33. I change answers on multiple choice tests when I actually had the right answer the first time..... | — | — | — | — |
| 34. I plan the answers to essay questions in my mind before I start writing them... | — | — | — | — |

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| 35. I find it difficult to plan my work when I am faced with a test. Because of this I end up doing poorly on tests..... | _____

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| 36. When preparing for a test I study the material in some logical order such as the order it was presented in class, the order of importance with the most important material first, or the order of the material in time such as the oldest to the most recent..... | _____

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| 37. I am careless with spelling and grammar when answering essay questions..... | _____

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| 38. Although I work until the last possible moment, I run out of time before I finish tests..... | _____

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| 39. If I have time, I check my answers before turning in my test paper..... | _____

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| 40. When tests are returned, I find my grade has been lowered because I made careless mistakes..... | _____

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| 41. During a test I forget names, dates and other details that I really do know..... | _____

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| 42. I believe that grades are based on a student's ability to memorize facts rather than on the student's ability to "think things through."..... | _____

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| 43. I study harder for end of year tests (such as final examinations) than for the rest of my schoolwork..... | _____

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| 44. I think I could do much better on tests if I could take them alone rather than with a group of other students..... | _____

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| 45. Worry about how well I will do interferes with my studying and my performance on tests..... | _____

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| 46. I think I could do much better on tests if I could take all the time I needed and not feel pressured by a time limit..... | _____

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(END OF SURVEY)

