



STRENGTHS BASED STUDENT INTERVIEW GUIDE

Directions: Select a question or two from each section below that are appropriate to ask the student.

Getting to know the student

- What made you laugh this week?
- What are things you like to do for fun?
- What's your favorite sport or sports team?
- What kind of music or art do you like?
- What are your favorite TV shows or movies?
- What are the things that are yours that are really important to you?
- What is one of your best memories from last year?

Family

- Tell me something interesting about your family?
- How many siblings do you have? What are their names? How old are they?
- How important is it to your family that you continue your education after high school?
- What pets do you have at home? (Do you wish you had a pet?)
- What is an activity that your family enjoys doing together?

Other social support

- Who do you like to spend time with? Why?
- Who do you go for advice and support?
- Do you have an adult that you can talk to about personal concerns? Who?

School

- How do you feel about school?
- What would you rather be doing that going to school?
- Tell me about a time that you finished a school project that was easy or interesting for you.
- What is your favorite part of the school day? Why?
- Who is your favorite teacher? What do you like about him or her?

Future Orientation

- What are you looking forward to this week/month/year?
- When you "daydream", what do you think about?
- What would you like to have as a job when you grow up?
- What do you think about going to college?
- Who do you see as a role model?
- What things would you really like to have that you do not have now?
- What do you think your life will be like when you are 20/30/40 years old?

(turn over for more questions)

Learning Goals

- What is something you want your teachers to know about you?
- What skills do you want to learn in school before you graduate?
- What are your goals for (check one)
 - Today
 - This week
 - This quarter
 - This semester
 - This year?
- Who do you talk about your career plans with?
- If you could have any career you wanted, what would it be?
- What kind of training do you need for this career?
 - High school diploma
 - 4 year college
 - Trade/technical school
 - Graduate school
 - 2 year college

School Work

- If there was one thing that you could do to make school really great for you, it would be...
- If there was one thing that you could ask your teachers to do to help you be successful, it would be...
- If there was one thing that you could ask your school to do to help you be successful, it would be...
- How much time do you spend on homework each day?
- How do you keep track of your homework assignments?
- Where do you usually do your homework?
- If you don't know how to do your homework, what do you do?
- When you are absent from school, how do you find out what assignments you missed?
- Do you have access to a computer outside of school? No Yes....Where? _____

Classroom environment

- I learn best in classrooms that are: Quiet Active
- I learn best when I sit in the: Front row Middle Row Back row
- I prefer to work on assignments: By myself With one other person In a group

Strategies for Success

- What is one thing that has helped you with your schoolwork in the past?
- What helps you overcome obstacles?
- Students who are most successful behave in the following ways. Check the ones that you already do.
 - Attend school every day
 - Ask questions
 - Pay attention in class
 - Study for tests
 - Keep an assignment book
 - Take notes
 - Read every day
 - Ask teachers for feedback
 - Complete all homework accurately