

Latino Educational Attainment (LEA) Initiative

Involvement and Skills Parent Survey

Introduction

The Latino Educational Attainment (LEA) initiative strives to improve the support to parents in helping their children with their studies. The following survey is based on **The 10 Educational Commandments for Parents**. We are asking all parents who have volunteered to participate to please fill out the following survey. This survey should be completed twice: *before and after* you participate in any workshop or training session discussing the 10 Educational Commandments for Parents.

Instructions

On the next pages you will find a series of sentences. Some of them will be questions and others will be statements. We ask you to choose the answer that most reflects your knowledge about each question or statement. There are no right or wrong answers; your opinion is what counts.

Thank you for your participation!

Example # 1: What answer would you choose for the following question?

Do you eat enchiladas?	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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Example # 2: What answer would you choose for the following statement?

I like reading.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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Now, please begin completing the survey in the next page. . .

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Name or ID Number _____ Date _____

Neighborhood _____

1. Do you attend parent-teacher meetings as well as back to school nights (open house)?	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Do you help your child with his/her homework; or if you cannot help him/her, do you find someone who can?	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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3. I know my child's teachers or counselors, and they know me.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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4. I feel comfortable talking with my child's teacher(s) or counselor(s) about his/her education.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Do you feel it is important to visit colleges and/or universities with your child?	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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6. It is important for me to know about the free application for the federal student aid (FAFSA) so my child can receive money to attend a university or college.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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7. My child has a quiet place to work on his/her homework.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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8. My child first completes his/her homework before helping with household chores.	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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9. I discuss with my child his/her future (such as goals and dreams).	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
10. I discuss with my child the importance of going to college.	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
11. I believe it is important for my child to take mathematics classes every year.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
12. I believe it is important for my child to take science classes every year.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
13. I will/do encourage my child to take AP and/or honor classes.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
14. I verify my child's grades by looking at his/her report card.	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Elementary school ends in fifth or sixth grade.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Students need to complete at least 240 credits to graduate from high school.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Each student must pass the <i>California High School Exit Exam</i> (CAHSEE) to graduate from high school.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
18. Students who get a college degree earn more money and get better jobs than students who just go to high school and do not earn a college degree.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>

19. The U.S. educational system is organized as follows: elementary, junior high, high school, and college/university.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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20. Children who attend preschool are better prepared for kindergarten and elementary school than children who do not attend preschool.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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21. To monitor my child's grades, I calculate his/her grade point average (GPA).	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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22. Each high school student must take a series of examinations/tests to get into college or a university.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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23. If your child gets a "D" or an "F" in a class, it means that he/she is doing really well.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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24. There are many kinds of financial aid resources available to help your child go to college or a university.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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25. To get money to go to college there are financial aid application deadlines that cannot be missed.	Strongly Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Agree <input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Disagree <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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26. My child completes his/her homework almost every day regardless of what grade he/she is in.	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Usually <input type="checkbox"/>	Seldom <input type="checkbox"/>	Never <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>
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27. Use the space below to calculate Maria's grade point average (GPA). Maria took four high school classes and got the following grades: A, A, C, C. The value of each grade is: A =4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0.

Maria's grade point average (GPA) is: _____

28. If you would like to know more about the U.S. educational system and what is most important for your child's education, how would you like to receive this information?

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| A. _____ Workshops | D. _____ School meetings |
| B. _____ Information sent home | E. _____ Church groups |
| C. _____ Community meeting | F. Other _____ |

Please take a few more minutes to answer the following questions:

1. What is your age? _____
2. How old were you when you arrived to the U.S.? _____
3. What country are you from? _____
4. How many children do you have? _____
5. What are your children's ages? _____
6. Are you married or in a serious relationship? Yes _____ No _____
7. If your answer is yes to the previous question (#6), for how long? _____
8. What level of education do you have? Please choose one
____ Elementary
____ High School
____ Trade School
____ College
____ Graduate School
9. If you work, what is your job? _____

Thank you for your cooperation!