





# UNDERSTANDING OUR LIVES

MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

2023–2024 SURVEY OF GRADE 6, 7, 8 STUDENTS

BRITISH COLUMBIA
INSTRUCTIONAL SURVEY

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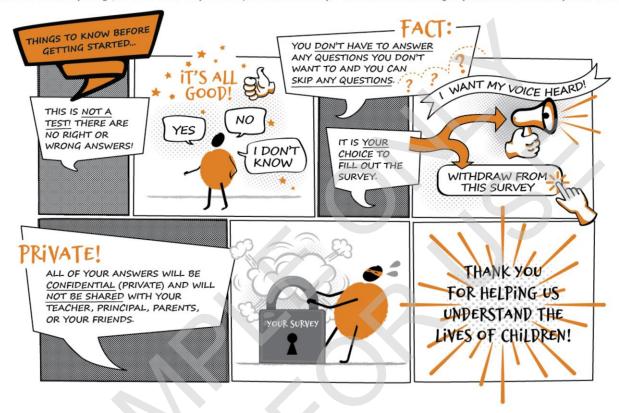
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# STUDENT ASSENT SCRIPT

#### Understanding Our Lives: The Middle Years Development Instrument Survey

We would like to learn more about the lives of school children in Canada, and the best way to do that is to ask YOU about your life in school and outside of school. It has been a long time since we were your age, so we need you to be our "teachers", so that we can learn more about the lives of children today. To learn about children your age, we would like to ask you some questions about how you think and feel about things in your life and about what you like to do.



#### Here are some things to know before getting started:

- 1. This is **not a test!** There are **no right or wrong answers**. Some people think or feel one thing and other people think or feel something else. We want to know what *you* think and how *you* feel. Your answers are VERY IMPORTANT and will help improve activities and programs for children your age.
- 2. It is **your choice** to fill out the survey. You can choose not to fill out the survey at any time before, during or after your survey is finished and you will not get in trouble or lose marks. You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to and you can skip any questions. You can withdraw from the survey at any time by clicking on the "Withdraw from this survey" button on the bottom of every page.
- 3. It is important for you to know that ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS that you put in this survey will be **confidential (private)** and will **not** be shared with your teacher, principal, parents, or your friends.

Please answer each question the best you can

Thank you for your help!





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	6% complete	
Please tell us a little bit about	yourself	4
1. What is your birth date?	Day V Month V Year V	4
2. Which of these adults do you live with	☐ One parent	4
most of the time? (Check all adults you live	☐ Two parents	
with.)	Part time with each parent	
	☐ Step-parent(s)	
	☐ Grandparent(s)	
	☐ Foster parent(s) or caregiver(s)	
	☐ Other adults	
3. How many siblings (brothers and sisters)	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 or more	4
do you have?		
4. How do you describe your gender?	✓ Boy	4
	☑ Girl	
You can check more than one box if you	✓ Non-binary	
want to.	✓ In another way	
If you do not want to answer, please go to		
the next page.		
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All of your family members might not be First Nations, Métis or Inuit but maybe some of them are.

We want to know about YOU.

Are you First Nations, Métis or Inuit?

If so, please answer YES.

5. Are you First Nations, Métis or Inuit?	No Yes Part  O • O
Which do you identify as?	✓ First Nations ✓ Métis ☐ Inuit
Please share your First Nation(s), Métis or Inuit community/communities here:	
6. What is the first language you learned at home? (You can check more than one if you need to.)	✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language  □ English  □ Cantonese  □ Filipino/Tagalog  □ French  □ Hindi  □ Japanese  □ Korean  □ Mandarin  □ Punjabi  □ Spanish  □ Vietnamese  ✓ Other
Which First Nations, Métis or Inuit language?	•
Other:	•



7. Which language(s)	✓ First Nations, Métis or Inuit language	4
do you <u>speak</u> at	☐ English	
home? (You can check	✓ Cantonese	
more than one if you need to.)	☐ Filipino/Tagalog	
need to.)	☐ French	
	☐ Hindi	
	☐ Japanese	
	☐ Korean	
	☐ Mandarin	
	☐ Punjabi	
	☐ Spanish	
	☐ Vietnamese	
	<b>✓</b> Other	
Miletela Filma Neathern		4
Which First Nations, Métis or Inuit		
language?		
Other:		4
other.		
8. How difficult is it	Very hard Hard Easy Very easy	4
for you to read in	0 0 0	
English?		
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### The next question is about your ethnic or racial background.

Why are we asking this question?

We know that people of different races do not have very different genetics. But, our race and ethnicity still have important consequences, including the experiences we have with different people and organizations.

Canada is home to people from many different racial or ethnic groups and backgrounds. Every person is born into one or more racial or ethnic groups.

9. How would you describe your own racial or ethnic background? (Choose more than one if it is true for you.)	<ul> <li>□ Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit)</li> <li>□ Black (for example, African, Caribbean, Haitian, Kenyan, Nigerian)</li> <li>□ East Asian (for example, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Mongolian)</li> <li>□ Latino/Latina/Latinx (for example, Hispanic, Latin American, Chilean, Colombian, Mexican)</li> <li>□ Middle Eastern (for example, Egyptian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Turkish)</li> <li>□ South Asian (for example, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)</li> <li>□ South East Asian (for example, Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese)</li> <li>□ White (European background)</li> <li>✓ Other</li> </ul>	
Other:		4
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# INSTRUCTIONS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS If you do not understand a question, please raise your hand and ask for help. Make sure you understand the question and the answer options before you answer.

Here are sample questions for practice.

These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

I like to eat carrots.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
I don't like to eat pizza.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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# Lets start now!

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers!

1. I feel sorry for other kids who don't have the things that I have.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
2. When I see someone being treated mean it bothers me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
3. I am a person who cares about the feelings of others.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
4. I have more good times than bad times.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
5. I believe more good things than bad things will happen to me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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6. I start most days thinking I will have a good day.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
7. In general, I like being the way I am.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
8. Overall, I have a lot to be proud of.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
9. A lot of things about me are good.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
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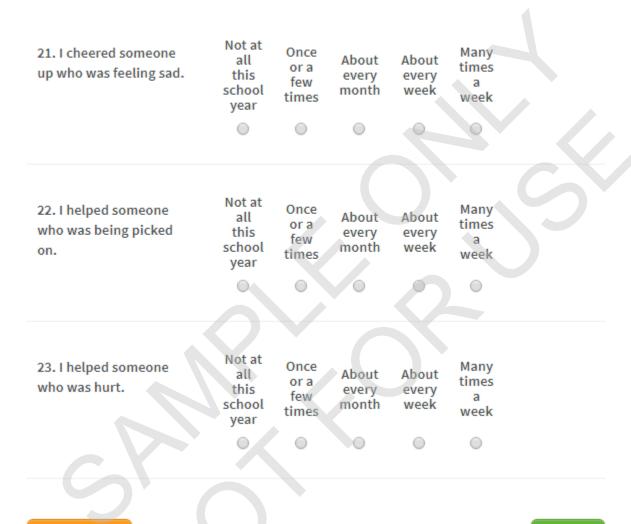
10. I feel unhappy a lot of the time.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
11. I feel upset about things.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
12. I feel that I do things wrong a lot.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
13. I worry about what other kids might be saying about me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
14. I worry a lot that other people might not like me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
15. I worry about being teased.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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16. In most ways my life is close to the way I would want it to be.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
17. The things in my life are excellent.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
18. I am happy with my life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
19. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
20. If I could live my life over, I would have it the same way.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	

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## Since the start of this school year, how often did you do this?



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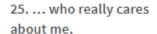
24. Are there ar	ny adults who are IMPORTANT TO YOU at your school?
No Yes	
letter in the per your <b>school</b> . Fo space, or if you	I 'Yes' to the question above, we would like you to put in the initial (the first rson's first OR last name) for ALL of the adults who are <b>important to you</b> at or example, if your teacher's name is Mr. Reed, you can just type an 'R' in the r supervision aide's name is Jane, you can just type in the letter 'J' in the ot have to fill in all six spaces.
Person 1	
Person 2	
Person 3	
Person 4	
Person 5	
Person 6	
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# How true is each statement for you?

# At my school, there is a teacher or another adult...



Not at all true

A little true Pretty much true Very much true

26. ... who believes that I will be a success.

Not at all true A little true Pretty much true Very much true

27. ... who listens to me when I have something to say.

Not at all true

A little true Pretty much true Very much true

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The next four questions are about your parents (or guardians) or other adults who live in your home. Parents can be biological parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, samesex parents, or foster parents.

28 who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
29 who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4

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Pretty

much true

Very

much true

A little

true

In my home, there is a parent or another adult...

Not at

all true

30. ... who I can talk

to about my problems.

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# In my <a href="mailto:neighbourhood/community">neighbourhood/community</a> (not from your school or family), there is an adult... ◀

31 who really cares	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
about me.	$\circ$	0	0	0	
32 who believes	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
that I will be a success.	0	0	0	0	
33 who listens to	Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true	4
me when I have something to say.	0	0	0	0	

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# Please answer the following questions about you and your friend(s) and your school.

34. I feel part of a group of friends that do things together.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
35. I feel that I usually fit in with other kids around me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
36. When I am with other kids my age, I feel I belong.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
37. I have at least one really good friend I can talk to when something is bothering me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
38. I have a friend I can tell everything to.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
39. There is somebody my age who really understands me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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40. I am certain I can learn the skills taught	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
in school this year.	0	$\circ$	0	0	0	
41. If I have enough time, I can do a good	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
job on all my school work.	0	0	0	0	0	
42. Even if the work in school is hard, I can learn it.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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43. Teachers and students treat each	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot		•
other with respect in this school.	0	0	0	0	0		
44. People care about	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or	Agree a	Agree a lot		4
each other in this school.	0	0	disagree	little	0		
			Don't	Agree			
45. Students in this school help each	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	agree or disagree	a little	Agree a lot		
other, even if they are not friends.	0	0	0	0	0		
			Don't	Agree	4	7	4
46. I feel like I belong in this school.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	agree or disagree	a little	Agree a lot		
	0	<b>O</b>	0	0	0		
47. I feel like I am important to this	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot		4
school.	0	0	O	0	0		
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Important definition: <u>Bully</u> - There are a lot of different ways to bully someone, but a bully has some advantage (stronger, more popular, or something else), wants to hurt the other person (it's not an accident), and does so repeatedly (over and over again) and unfairly. Sometimes a group of students will bully another student.

The next four questions might make you feel uncomfortable, but it is important for us to know. Please answer the questions honestly.

This school year, how often have you been bullied by other students in the following ways?

48. Physical bullying (for example, someone hit, shoved, or kicked you, spat at you, beat you up, or damaged or took your things without permission).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	C
49. Verbal bullying (for example, someone called you names, teased, embarrassed, threatened you, or made you do things you didn't want to do).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	1
50. Social bullying (for example, someone left you out, excluded you, gossiped and spread rumors about you, or made you look foolish).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	4
51. Cyberbullying (for example, someone used the computer or text messages to exclude, threaten, embarrass you, or to hurt your feelings).	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week	4

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The next questions ask about your health. Sometimes children your age may feel that these kinds of questions are uncomfortable to answer. Remember you are helping us to learn more about the health of children your age in Canada.

52. In general, how would you describe your health?	Poor Fair Good Excellent  O O O	4
53. Who would you talk to if you were feeling sad, stressed, or worried? (Check ALL that are true for you)	<ul> <li>□ An adult at school (for example, a teacher, school counselor or another adult at school)</li> <li>□ A family member (for example, a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, older sibling or cousin, or another adult that lives with me)</li> <li>□ An adult in my community (for example, a coach, an elder, after-school program staff, or another adult in my community)</li> <li>□ A health professional (for example, a doctor, nurse, or a counselor)</li> <li>□ My friend(s)</li> <li>□ I would not know who to talk to</li> <li>□ I would prefer to handle it on my own</li> <li>□ I would talk to someone else (someone not on this list)</li> </ul>	•
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54. a) How do you usually get TO school:	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
	$\circ$	0	0	$\circ$	0	0	
54. b) How do you usually get home FROM school:	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
	$\circ$	0	0	0	0	0	
55. If you could choose, how would you WISH to get TO	Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else	4
and FROM school?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Never	Once a week	times a week	3 times a week	times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day		4
Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day		4
Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day		1
Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day		4
Before 6:00am	6:0 7:0	00am Ind 00am	7:00a and	m 8					4
Before 9:00pm	9:00 <sub>j</sub>	pm 10 d	0:00pm and	11:00pr and	n 12:0	After 00am/mid	Inight		4
	Never  Never  Before 6:00am	Never a week  Once a week  Once a week  Once a week  Once a week  Before 6:00am 6:00am  Betw 9:00 7:0	Never a week week  Once a week week  Once a week  Never a week  Once a week  Before 6:00am 6:00am 7:00am  Once a week  Before 6:00am 7:00am Once a week  Once a wee	Never a week week week  Once a week week week  Once a times a week week  Once a week week	Never a week week week week week week week we	Never a week week week week week week week we	Never a week week week week week week week we	Never a week week week week week week week we	Never

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### ABOUT MY OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

62. On school days, how often do you go to these places after school?

a) I go home.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)
	0	0	0	0	0	0
b) I stay at school to participate in after school activities (for example, sports, tutoring, clubs).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)
c) I go to an after school program/daycare (in my school or someplace else).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)
d) I go to a friend's house.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)
e) I go to a library.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)
f) I go someplace else, for example, a family member's home, or other places.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)

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planned and supervised by a teacher, instructor, adult, coach or volunteer. 63. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often do you spend time doing the following activities: Every a) Educational lessons Never day days days days days days day or activities (for 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 example, tutoring, math, language school, or something else)? 4 6 Every b) Art or music lessons Never day days days days days days day (for example, 0 0 0 0 0 0 drawing, painting, playing a musical instrument, or something else)? 2 3 Every c) Youth organizations Never day days days days days day days (for example, Scouts, 0 0 0 0 Girl Guides, Boys and Girls Clubs, After School Care, or something else)? Every d) Individual sports days days days day days days with a coach or 0 0 instructor (for example, swimming, dance, gymnastics, tennis, skating, or something else)? Every 4 5 6 e) Team sports with a Never day days days days days days day coach or instructor 0 0 (for example, basketball, hockey, soccer, football, or something else)?

The next questions are about activities that are organized. That is, the questions are about activities that are

The next questions ask you about other activities you might do outside of school.

64. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often do you spend time doing the following activities:

a) sports and/or exercise for fun (for example, playing outside, biking, skating, sledding, shooting hoops, swimming, yoga,	Never	day	2 days	3 days	4 days	days	6 days	Every day
dancing, or something else)?								
b) do homework?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
c) read for fun?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
d) hang out with friends in person?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
e) play outside at a park, playground or in the neighbourhood?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
f) religious, spiritual or faith-based activities?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
g) cultural activities?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
h) volunteer (either at school or in the community)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day
i) work at a job (for example, babysitting, mowing the lawn)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day

Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you out of breath some of the time.

Physical activity can be done in sports, school activities, playing with friends, or walking to school. Some examples of physical activity are running, fast walking, skating, biking, dancing, skateboarding, swimming, soccer, and basketball.

Let's try to add up all the time you spend in physical activity each day:

65. In a normal week, how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes or one hour per day?



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The next questions ask how many hours in a day you do an activity, rather than how many days a week.

66. In a normal week, how many hours per day do you...

a)sit and watch TV, movies, or videos, including YouTube?	I do not do this activity	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	2 to 3 hours	3 to 4 hours	4 to 5 hours	5 hours or more	
b) play video or computer games?	I do not do this activity	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	2 to 3 hours	3 to 4 hours	4 to 5 hours	5 hours or more	
c) hang out with friends on the phone, tablet or computer (for example, video call, text messaging)?	I do not do this activity	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	2 to 3 hours	3 to 4 hours	4 to 5 hours	5 hours or more	
d) spend on social media sites or apps, such as Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok either browsing or posting?	I do not do this activity	Less than 1 hour	1 to 2 hours	2 to 3 hours	3 to 4 hours	4 to 5 hours	5 hours or more	

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#### 67. Think about activities you want to do outside of school.

	☐ I am already doing the activities I want to be doing.
	✓ I wish I could do additional activities.
What activities do you wish you could do? (Check all the activities you wish you could do).	<ul> <li>Sports and/or outdoor activities (for example, basketball, swimming, hockey, skating, dancing, gymnastics, hiking, biking)</li> </ul>
	☐ Playing and/or hanging out with friends
	<ul> <li>Music and arts (for example, playing a musical instrument, singing, drawing, painting, theatre, arts and crafts classes, baking, pottery)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Playing on a computer/tablet, playing video games, or watching TV</li> </ul>
	Learning new things (for example, learning a new language, coding, reading, math, chess, programming)
	☐ Time with family at home
	☐ Free time or relaxing
	☐ Working or volunteering
	<b>☑</b> Other
Other:	

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These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.

68. When I make a decision, I think about what might happen afterward.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
69. I take responsibility for my mistakes.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
70. I can say 'no' when someone wants me to do things that are wrong or dangerous.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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71. When I'm sad, I can usually start doing something that will make me feel better.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
72. After I'm interrupted or distracted, I can easily continue working where I left off.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
73. I can calm myself down when I'm excited or upset.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4

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74. When I'm upset, I notice how I am feeling before I take action.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	•
75. I am aware of how my moods affect the way I treat other people.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
76. When difficult situations happen, I can pause without immediately acting.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	
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77. I believe I can make a difference in the world.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	4
78. I try to make this world a better place.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot	•
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#### 79. Are you concerned about the following environmental issues?

a) Climate change (for example, global warming).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much
b) Species extinction (when an entire type of animal dies out).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much
c) Deforestation (cutting down too much forest).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much
d) Pollution (for example, garbage, ocean plastic).	No, not at all	Yes, a little	Yes, somewhat	Yes, quite a bit	Yes, very much

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#### **Help for Students**

Thank you for taking the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) survey. Some of the questions on this survey may have made you think of problems you are having, maybe with other students.

#### Below is an option to ask for help.

Clicking the first box below will send a private message to your teacher or principal who will follow up with you. If you would prefer not to talk to your teacher or principal, consider talking to a family member or your school counsellor. It is important for adults to know what's going on so that they can help you or other students who may be having trouble. You can also call the Kids HELP phone at 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868.

Would you like to talk to your teacher or principal about a problem you are having?

Yes, I would like to talk to my teacher or principal about a problem I am having

No, I do not need to talk to someone

