

INTEREST INVENTORY ITEMS FOR PARENTS

For parents to answer about their children

CHAPTER 2: VALUE

Questions that can be given to parents to find out more about their child's interests appear below. We recommend that teachers choose 5-8 items from the list below that would be most relevant for their context and best suit their needs. Note that the items are arranged by different domains of interest: Teachers may select items pertaining to a single domain (e.g. school), or from multiple domains depending on preference. We suggest asking parents about student interest in a variety of areas.

School and career

What is your child's favorite class or activity in school?

What is your child's least favorite class or activity in school?

In which careers (if any) has your child expressed an interest?

What are your child's plans after high school (college, work, military, etc.)?

Extracurricular activities

What does your child like to do in his/her spare time?

Is your child interested in any sports? Does your child follow any players or teams?

Does your child have a special interest in any media (music, theater, television, film, books, magazines, etc.)? Is he/she a fan of any particular artist or show? Does he/she participate in performing or creating media? Does he/she read any particular magazines?

Is your child interested in any causes? Which ones?

Does he/she participate in any volunteering or service projects?

General interest

What would you say is your child's number one area of interest at present time (inside or outside of school)?

Does your child have any collections?

Is your child particularly interested in certain places or activities (e.g. the lake/canoeing, place of worship/youth group, the shopping mall/buying hats, the park/skateboarding).

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Has your child expressed an interest in any of the following topics related to [YOUR CLASS]. SELECT AND ADD ANY THAT MIGHT BE RELATED TO YOUR CLASS AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR CONTEXT Please check those that apply:

Weather	Fossils	Dancing
Aviation	How things work	Football
Cars	Medicine	Soccer
Agriculture	Vaccines	Tennis
Food	Disease	Swimming
Plants	Senses	Yoga
Cooking	Hair Styles or Products	Martial Arts
Exercise	Weapons	Gymnastics
Bicycling	Fire	Musical instrument (type)
Volcanoes	Nanotechnology	Singing
Earthquakes	Outer Space	Music (type)
Tornadoes	Rockets	Crafts (which type)
Natural Disasters	Black Holes	Animation
Animals (type)	Space Craft	Art/Drawing
Nutrition	Cameras	Mind/Brain
Oceanography	Optics	Stress
Alternative Energy	Computers	Psychology
Nature	Video games	Genetics
Dinosaurs	Cell Phones	Other _____
Archaeology	Track	Other _____
Robots	Baseball	

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