

## Appendices

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**Demographics Form**

The following questions are designed to obtain some background information about you.

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What grade are you in?      6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
(circle)

3. Are you male or female?      M      F  
(circle)

4. Are you (check one):

African American or Black

Afro-Caribbean or West Indian, from which country? \_\_\_\_\_

African, from which country? \_\_\_\_\_

Latino or Hispanic, from which country? \_\_\_\_\_

Asian American

Pacific Islander

Native American or American Indian

White or Caucasian

Biracial or multiracial (indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(specify)

5. How many people live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

I live with my: (check all that apply)

Mother                       Father

Grandmother               Grandfather

Aunt                           Uncle

How many brothers do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many brothers live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How many sisters do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many sisters live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How many cousins live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

How many nieces and nephews live with you? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have any children? Yes No  
(circle)

IF YES, how many children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

How old is/are your children? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Circle ALL races and ethnicities that live in a 4-block radius of your home.

- (a) African American or Black (b) Asian American (c) Latino or Hispanic  
(d) Native American or American Indian (e) Pacific Islander (f) West Indian  
(g) White or Caucasian (h) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(specify)

9. What is the race or ethnicity of the majority of people in your neighborhood? (Circle one)

- (a) African American or Black (b) Asian American (c) Latino or Hispanic  
(d) Native American or American Indian (e) Pacific Islander (f) West Indian  
(g) White or Caucasian (h) Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(specify)

10. How many years have you lived at your current address?

- less than 1  1  2  3  4  5  6  
 7  8  9  10 or more

11. What is your e-mail address? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is your cell phone number? \_\_\_\_\_

### *Neighborhood Violence Exposure*

These questions ask about **VIOLENCE** that may have happened at school or in your neighborhood during the past year. Answer each question by circling the number that is most true for you.

**These questions ask about violence against a stranger:**

	Never	One time	A few times	Many times	Every day
1. How many times have you been told a stranger was beaten up?	0	1	2	3	4
2. How many times have you seen a stranger being beaten up?	0	1	2	3	4
3. How many times have you been told a stranger was chased or threatened?	0	1	2	3	4
4. How many times have you seen a stranger being chased or threatened?	0	1	2	3	4
5. How many times have you been told a stranger was robbed or mugged?	0	1	2	3	4
6. How many times have you seen a stranger being robbed or mugged?	0	1	2	3	4
7. How many times have you been told a stranger was shot or stabbed?	0	1	2	3	4
8. How many times have you seen a stranger being shot or stabbed?	0	1	2	3	4
9. How many times have you been told a stranger was killed?	0	1	2	3	4
10. How many times have you seen a stranger being killed?	0	1	2	3	4

**These questions ask about violence against anyone you know:**

	Never	One time	A few times	Many times	Every day
11. How many times have you been told somebody you know was beaten up?	0	1	2	3	4
12. How many times have you seen somebody you know being beaten up?	0	1	2	3	4
13. How many times have you been told somebody you know was chased or threatened?	0	1	2	3	4
14. How many times have you seen somebody you know being chased or threatened?	0	1	2	3	4
15. How many times have you been told somebody you know was robbed or mugged?	0	1	2	3	4
16. How many times have you seen somebody you know being robbed or mugged?	0	1	2	3	4
17. How many times have you been told somebody you know was shot or stabbed?	0	1	2	3	4
18. How many times have you seen somebody you know being shot or stabbed?	0	1	2	3	4
19. How many times have you been told somebody you know was killed?	0	1	2	3	4
20. How many times have you seen somebody you know being killed?	0	1	2	3	4

**These questions ask about violence that has happened to you:**

	Never	One time	A few times	Many times	Every day
21. How many times have you been beaten up?	0	1	2	3	4
22. How many times have you been chased or threatened?	0	1	2	3	4
23. How many times have you been robbed or mugged?	0	1	2	3	4
24. How many times have you been shot or stabbed?	0	1	2	3	4
25. How many times have you heard gunshots?	0	1	2	3	4

**Violence Related Youth Risk Behaviors**

Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following statements. Responses are based on a 5-point scale, ranging from 1 (almost never) to 5 (almost always).

		0 days	1 day	2 or 3 days	4 or 5 days	6 or more days
1.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry <b>a weapon</b> such as a gun, knife, or club?	1	2	3	4	5
2.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry <b>a gun</b> ?	1	2	3	4	5
3.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club <b>on school property</b> ?	1	2	3	4	5
4.	During the past 30 days, on how many days did you <b>not</b> go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?	1	2	3	4	5

		0 times	1 time	2 or 3 times	4 or 5 times	6 or 7 times	8 or 9 times	10 or 11 times	12 or more times
5.	During the past 12 months, how many times has someone threatened or injured you with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club <b>on school property</b> ?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6.	During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight in which you were injured and had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8.	During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight <b>on school property</b> ?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

### *Neighborhood Disorder*

The next questions are about your neighborhood.

When you think about your neighborhood, are you thinking about (circle one)

- (a) The block or street you live on?
- (b) Your block or street and several blocks or streets in each direction?
- (c) The area within a 15 minute walk from your home?
- (d) An area larger than these?

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your neighborhood?

		<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>1.</b>	This is a safe place to live.	1	2	3	4
<b>2.</b>	Violent crimes happen here.	1	2	3	4
<b>3.</b>	Property gets damaged or destroyed here.	1	2	3	4
<b>4.</b>	The neighborhood is clean.	1	2	3	4
<b>5.</b>	There are gangs here.	1	2	3	4
<b>6.</b>	There is drug use and dealing.	1	2	3	4
<b>7.</b>	There have been drive-by shootings in this neighborhood.	1	2	3	4
<b>8.</b>	This is an ugly place to live.	1	2	3	4
<b>9.</b>	Houses and apartments are in good shape.	1	2	3	4
<b>10.</b>	There is a lot of graffiti.	1	2	3	4
<b>11.</b>	The police give people a hard time for no reason.	1	2	3	4

### *Informal Social Control*

What is the likelihood that your neighbors could be counted on to intervene if: (“Would you say it is very likely=5, likely=4, neither likely nor unlikely=3, unlikely=2, or very unlikely? =1”).

		<b>Very Unlikely</b>	<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>Neither Likely or Unlikely</b>	<b>Likely</b>	<b>Very Likely</b>
1.	Children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner?	1	2	3	4	5
2.	Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building?	1	2	3	4	5
3.	Children were showing disrespect to an adult?	1	2	3	4	5
4.	A fight broke out in front of their house?	1	2	3	4	5
5.	The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts?	1	2	3	4	5



### ***Behavioral Academic Engagement***

Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following statements. Responses are based on a 5-point scale, ranging from 1 (almost never) to 5 (almost always).

		<b>Almost Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Almost Always</b>
1.	How often do you have trouble paying attention in classes?	1	2	3	4	5
2.	How often do you get schoolwork done on time?	1	2	3	4	5
3.	How often do you find that it is hard for you to keep your mind on your work in school?	1	2	3	4	5
4.	How often have you hit someone for what they said/did?	1	2	3	4	5
5.	How often have you been involved in a physical fight?	1	2	3	4	5
6.	How often have you been sent to office?	1	2	3	4	5
7.	How often have you skipped class?	1	2	3	4	5

### *Emotional Academic Engagement*

Please indicate how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Item responses range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

		<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Neither Agree or Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
1.	I feel happy and safe in this school	1	2	3	4	5
2.	In general, I feel like a real part in this school	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I would recommend to other kids that they go to my school	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I have to do well in school if I want to be a success in life	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Schooling is not so important for kids like me	1	2	3	4	5
6.	I learn more useful things from my friends and relatives than I learn in school	1	2	3	4	5
7.	Getting good education is the best way to get ahead in life for the kids in my neighborhood	1	2	3	4	5
8.	I often learn a lot from my school work	1	2	3	4	5

### *Cognitive Academic Engagement*

Please indicate how often you engage in each of the following statements. Responses are based on a 5-point scale, ranging from 1 (almost never) to 5 (almost always).

		<b>Almost Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Almost Always</b>
1.	How often do you try to figure out problems and planning how to solve them?	1	2	3	4	5
2.	How often do you try to carry out the plans you make for solving problems?	1	2	3	4	5
3.	How often do you try to bounce back quickly from bad experiences?	1	2	3	4	5
4.	How often do you try to learn from your mistakes?	1	2	3	4	5
5.	When you are doing homework or school work, how often do you try to decide what you are supposed to learn, rather than just read the material?	1	2	3	4	5
6.	How often do you try to relate what you are studying to other things you know about?	1	2	3	4	5
7.	How often do you try to plan what you have to do for homework before you get started?	1	2	3	4	5

### *Abstract Academic Beliefs*

This questionnaire asks you about your beliefs. For each item, please circle the number that shows how often the statement is true for you. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, just answer what beliefs are true for you.

		<b>Never True</b>	<b>Rarely True</b>	<b>Sometimes True</b>	<b>Often True</b>
1.	Education is the key to success in the future.	0	1	2	3
2.	If everyone in America gets a good education, we can end poverty.	0	1	2	3
3.	Achievement and effort in school lead to job success later on.	0	1	2	3
4.	The way for poor people to become middle class is for them to get a good education.	0	1	2	3
5.	School success is not necessarily a clear path to a better life.	0	1	2	3
6.	Getting a good education is a practical road to success for a young black man [woman] like me.	0	1	2	3
7.	Young black women [men] like me have a chance of making it if we do well in school.	0	1	2	3
8.	Education really pays off in the future for young black men [women] like me.	0	1	2	3

### *Concrete Academic Beliefs*

This questionnaire asks you about your beliefs. For each item, please circle the number that shows how often the statement is true for you. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, just answer what beliefs are true for you.

		<b>Never True</b>	<b>Rarely True</b>	<b>Sometimes True</b>	<b>Often True</b>
1.	School success is not necessarily a clear path to a better life.	0	1	2	3
2.	Based on their experiences, my parents say people like us are not always paid or promoted according to our education.	0	1	2	3
3.	All I need to learn for my future is to read, write, and make change.	0	1	2	3
4.	Although my parents tell me to get a good education in order to get a good job, they face barriers to job success.	0	1	2	3
5.	When our teachers give us homework, my friends never think of doing it.	0	1	2	3
6.	People in my family haven't been treated fairly at work no matter how much education they have.	0	1	2	3
7.	Studying in school rarely pays off later with good jobs.	0	1	2	3