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# Midwest Central High School

## Senior Survey – Class of 2000

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**Directions:** This survey asks about your education during high school, any jobs you held during high school, and your plans for continuing to college and/or starting a career after high school. Please read all the questions and answer them honestly and accurately.

1. How satisfied are you with the education you received during high school? *(Circle the one best response.)*
  - 1 Extremely satisfied
  - 2 Very satisfied
  - 3 Fairly satisfied
  - 4 Somewhat satisfied
  - 5 Not at all satisfied
  
2. What do you anticipate will be your future career goal? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. How confident do you feel that you will reach your ultimate career goal?
  - 1 Extremely confident
  - 2 Very confident
  - 3 Fairly confident
  - 4 Somewhat confident
  - 5 Not at all confident
  
4. How confident are you that the things you learned in high school will help you to reach your career goal?
  - 1 Extremely confident
  - 2 Very confident
  - 3 Fairly confident
  - 4 Somewhat confident
  - 5 Not at all confident
  
5. If it were up to you, how far would you go in school?
  - 1 A certificate or license requiring less than a two-year degree
  - 2 An associate of applied science degree in an occupational-technical field
  - 3 A transfer associate of science or arts degree designed for continuation at a four-year college
  - 4 A bachelor's degree
  - 5 A graduate or advanced degree such as Master's, Doctorate or M.D.
  - 6 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. How confident do you feel that you will reach your ultimate educational goal?
  - 1 Extremely confident
  - 2 Very confident
  - 3 Fairly confident
  - 4 Somewhat confident
  - 5 Not at all confident

7. How confident are you that your high school education has prepared you to continue your education after high school?

- 1 Extremely confident
- 2 Very confident
- 3 Fairly confident
- 4 Somewhat confident
- 5 Not at all confident

8. Overall, what quality of work did your teachers expect of you during high school?

- 1 Extremely high
- 2 Very high
- 3 Fairly high
- 4 Fairly low
- 5 Very low
- 6 Extremely low

9. Overall, how often do you think you met your teachers' expectations for the quality of your work?

- 1 Always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Not very often
- 5 Rarely

10. Which math classes did you pass in high school? (*Circle all that apply*)

- 1 Pre-Algebra
- 2 Algebra I (includes B Algebra sequence)
- 3 Algebra II/Geometry
- 4 Advanced Algebra (Trigonometry)
- 5 Math IV (Pre-Calculus)
- 6 Math V (Calculus)
- 7 Additional math classes passed? Accounting  
Computer Programming

11. How confident are you that the math courses you took in high school prepared you for your future education and/or career goals?

- 1 Extremely confident
- 2 Very confident
- 3 Fairly confident
- 4 Somewhat confident
- 5 Not at all confident

12. What English electives did you pass in high school? (*Circle all that apply*)

- 1 College Prep
- 2 Novels
- 3 World Literature
- 4 Drama

5 Creative Writing

6 Yearbook

13. How confident are you that the English courses you took in high school prepared you for your future education and/or career goals?

- 1 Extremely confident
- 2 Very confident
- 3 Fairly confident
- 4 Somewhat confident
- 5 Not at all confident

14. How confident are you that the computer and technology courses you took at MCHS prepared you for your future education and/or career goals?

- 1 Extremely confident
- 2 Very confident
- 3 Fairly confident
- 4 Somewhat confident
- 5 Not at all confident
- 6 I did not take any computer and technology courses during high school

15. How would you rate the quality and usefulness of career/vocational counseling services you received at MCHS?

Quality ( <i>Circle best response</i> )		Usefulness ( <i>Circle best response</i> )	
1	Very High	1	Very High
2	High	2	High
3	Low	3	Low
4	Very Low	4	Very Low

16. What one thing could the counselor have done better to increase your career/vocational knowledge?

17. How would you rate the quality and usefulness of college counseling services you received at MCHS?

Quality ( <i>Circle best response</i> )		Usefulness ( <i>Circle best response</i> )	
1	Very High	1	Very High
2	High	2	High
3	Low	3	Low
4	Very Low	4	Very Low

18. What one thing could the counselor have done better to help you with the college admission and financial aid process?

19. Sometimes high schools arrange special opportunities for students to learn about careers. Which of the following experiences did you participate in while enrolled in high school? (Circle all that apply.)

- 1 **Job shadowing** – where students spend time following a worker in at a job-site for one day
- 2 **Tech Prep Internship**– where students work with a mentor for one or two years during the school day to learn about a particular occupation or industry in their chosen Career Cluster
- 3 **Pekin Tech Ed Center** – where students take classes at Pekin in an occupational area and learn skills related to this occupation
- 4 **Work-based Learning Program** – where students take classes at a job-site or ICC in an occupational area and learn skills related to this occupation
- 5 **Community service and service learning** – where students do volunteer work in the community that may or may not be related to their career interests
- 6 **Career Day** – where students listen to career speakers to find out more about possible careers
- 7 **Other** (please specify):\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 **I did not participate** in any of the above experiences while in high school

20. While you were enrolled at MCHS, did you ever hold a job during the school year? (Circle the one best response.)

- 1 No SKIP TO QUESTION 23
- 2 Yes CONTINUE TO QUESTION 21

21. Please estimate the amount of money you made per hour in the last job you held before high school graduation. If you held more than one job, choose the job where you worked the most hours

- 1 Zero.... My job was unpaid
- 2 Less than \$5.25 per hour
- 3 \$5.26 to \$6.00 per hour
- 4 \$6.01 to \$7.00 per hour
- 5 \$7.01 to \$8.00 per hour
- 6 More than \$8.00 per hour
- 7 I don't know

22. In the last job you held before high school graduation, how many total hours did you work during a typical week?

- 1 Less than 5 hours
- 2 6-10 hours
- 3 11-20 hours
- 4 21-30 hours
- 5 31-40 hours
- 6 More than 40 hours

23. Do you have plans to attend college after graduation? (Circle the one best response.)

- 1 No SKIP TO QUESTION 26

2 Yes CONTINUE TO QUESTION 24

24. Which of the following types of colleges or universities do you plan to attend? (*Circle all that apply.*)

- 1 Two-year community or junior college
- 2 Vocational, technical, trade or business school
- 3 Four-year college or university
- 4 Other – *Please specify* \_\_\_\_\_

25. List the name of each college/university that you plan to attend (including ones you intend to transfer to), the location of the college/university by city and state, and the estimated date you plan to start attending each college/university.

College/University Name	City/State	Estimated Start Date
<i>EXAMPLE: Lincoln College</i>	<i>Lincoln, Illinois</i>	<i>Sept. 1, 2000</i>

26. What is your gender?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

27. What is your racial/ethnic background? (*Circle all that apply.*)

- 1 White
- 2 Hispanic origin or descent
- 3 Black or African American
- 4 Asian or Pacific Islander
- 5 American Indian or Alaska Native
- 6 Other – *Please specify* \_\_\_\_\_

28. How much education have your parent(s) or guardian(s) completed? (*Circle the one best response for each parent/guardian who you consider to have had the most influence on your life.*)

<p><b>My father, stepfather or male guardian has completed:</b> (<i>Circle one response.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Less than high school graduation</li> <li>2 High school graduation</li> <li>3 Some college but no degree</li> <li>4 Two-year Associate degree</li> <li>5 Four-year Bachelor’s degree</li> <li>6 Graduate degree such as Master’s, Doctorate or M.D.</li> <li>7 I don’t know</li> </ul>	<p><b>My mother, stepmother or female guardian has completed:</b> (<i>Circle one response.</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Less than high school graduation</li> <li>2 High school graduation</li> <li>3 Some college but no degree</li> <li>4 Two-year Associate degree</li> <li>5 Four-year Bachelor’s degree</li> <li>6 Graduate degree such as Master’s, Doctorate or M.D.</li> <li>7 I don’t know</li> </ul>
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29. While enrolled at MCHS, did you ever participate in Tech Prep Work Site Experience (TPWSE1, TPWSE2)? (Circle the one best response.)

- 1 No
- 2 Yes

30. Looking back over your years at MCHS, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your possible accomplishments in high school? (Circle the one best response.)

During my years at MCHS, I accomplished the following:		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a.	I improved my written communication skills.	1	2	3	4
b.	I improved my oral communication skills and presentation skills.	1	2	3	4
c.	I became more self-confident or outgoing.	1	2	3	4
d.	I developed more marketable work-based skills.	1	2	3	4
e.	I identified my future career goals.	1	2	3	4
f.	I became more aware of my job-related strengths and weaknesses.	1	2	3	4
g.	I improved my attitude towards school.	1	2	3	4
h.	I improved my attitude towards work.	1	2	3	4
i.	I improved my grades and attendance.	1	2	3	4
j.	I became more organized.	1	2	3	4
k.	I improved my ability to identify and solve problems.	1	2	3	4
l.	I learned more about the requirements of the workplace in my area of interest or career cluster.	1	2	3	4
m.	I learned how to deal with people of different ages.	1	2	3	4
n.	I mastered skills that will give me an advantage over other high school graduates my age.	1	2	3	4
o.	I decided what I do NOT want to do for a living.	1	2	3	4
p.	I saw more connections between my academic classes and my future career pathway.	1	2	3	4
q.	I used my Individual Career Plan (ICP) to make good decisions about my future.	1	2	3	4
r.	I formed a bond with an adult or mentor who can help me in my later life.	1	2	3	4
s.	I challenged myself to learn in ways that other students in my high school didn't.	1	2	3	4

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t.	I became more certain about the value of continuing my education.	1	2	3	4
u.	I became a more reliable and responsible employee.	1	2	3	4

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If you participated in Tech Prep at MCHS, respond to the following questions with a few short sentences. If you did not participate in Tech Prep, you have completed the survey at this point. We thank you for your candid responses.

31. What is the best thing about the Tech Prep program at MCHS?

32. What one thing would you like to change about Tech Prep?

33. What could your job site mentor have done to make your experience even better?

34. In your TPSWE or TPSW2 class, what could have been done to help you learn more? What did you gain by doing your senior project?

**WE THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY.  
PLEASE RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY.**