

## **PEAK MASTERY (PM) Student Assessment Tools**

The following tools are intended to measure results, both quantitative and qualitative, of the PM program. By administering the Survey and Questionnaire before and after a student completes the PM program, we can determine how much the student has learned about education, career, money, and lifestyle. Observations made during the Interview uncover changes in a student's beliefs, attitude, and motivation.

### **The Interview Questionnaire**

Conduct this interview prior to starting the PM program. Administer again after the student completes the program. Using the differences in the post-program results, make assessments of the students change in confidence, motivation, knowledge, and ability. Evaluate through observation the student's attitude, willingness to engage their own future, and their understanding of their own responsibility in their lives.

### **The Survey**

Administer this test prior to starting the PM program. Administer again after the student completes the program. Measure the student's confidence and motivation levels on questions 8, 9, 10, 16, and 17, the correctness of the answers on questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 11, and their ability to provide answers (and the content of their answers) for questions 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Compare the before and after results to test for increases in confidence, motivation, knowledge, and ability. Quantify the before-and-after differences for each question to assess improvements gained via the PM program.

### **Feedback from Students and Sponsors**

This should be filled out only *after* completing the PM Program. While the Survey and Questionnaire help us understand what young people know about careers, the working world, and managing their lives, the Feedback section helps us better understand your impressions of the PM program. Please complete this section. Thank you – we value any suggestions on how to make PM better.

**Peak Mastery Student Assessment Tools**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Pretest [ ] Posttest [ ]

**The Questionnaire (use the back of the page if you need more room)**

1. What kind of work do you think is available for a young person without a high school diploma?
2. What kind of lifestyle is possible for a person earning minimum wage?
3. How do you suppose your future lifestyle is related to your education?
4. Describe what this statement means to you: "The quality of your life is greatly affected by your level of income."
5. What do you hear from parents, teachers, counselors, and other adults regarding career, jobs, and living a successful life? What do you think about that?
6. What do you hear from friends about career, jobs, the future, and living a successful life? What do you think about that?
7. Describe your picture of your future: where do you live, what kind of job do you have, how hard is life, what do you do for fun, and how happy are you?
8. What do you worry about? What scares you?
9. Think about the education you parents had. What impact did that education have on the choices offered them in their lives?

**The Survey (use the back of the page if you need more room)**

1. What do you plan to do after high school? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Can you name two goals you have related to education and career?  Yes  No If so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In addition to rent, what other expenses must you consider for your apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What do you need to know to compute a payment on a car loan? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Price of the car          | <input type="checkbox"/> Miles on the car    | <input type="checkbox"/> Number of months to pay the loan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest rate on the loan | <input type="checkbox"/> Your weekly income  | <input type="checkbox"/> Your yearly tax rate             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your driving record       | <input type="checkbox"/> Your insurance rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Name of your employer            |

5. What is the current minimum wage in most states? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the difference between gross wages and net income? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. For a typical worker, what percentage of income goes to taxes?  5%  10%  15%  25%

8. How confident are you that you know how to create the life you want for yourself?

- High confidence  Some confidence  Little confidence  No confidence

9. How confident are you that you can find the information you need to make decisions about your career and life?

- High confidence  Some confidence  Little confidence  No confidence

10. How valuable is education?  High value  Some value  Little value  No value

11. In addition to rent, list eight other major expenses categories for someone living on their own:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name an information source for jobs, working conditions, salaries, related jobs, and future job outlook:

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13. If you were curious about a particular job, what it's like to do that job, and what skills are needed to do the job, where would you find that information?

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14. How much, in yearly expenses, will your preferred lifestyle cost? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What can you do today to help you reach the life you want for yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. How motivated are you to finish high school?

Very motivated  Somewhat motivated  A little motivated  Not motivated

17. How motivated are you to go to college or get some education beyond high school?

Very motivated  Somewhat motivated  A little motivated  Not motivated

18. How much education did your parents get?

Mom:

Didn't finish high school  High school  Some college  2 year degree  4 year degree or more

Dad:

Didn't finish high school  High school  Some college  2 year degree  4 year degree or more

## **Feedback On Peak Mastery**

### **FROM STUDENTS:**

19. How easy was it to use the Peak Mastery program?

20. Do you have any suggestions on how to make the program better?

21. Please share any other comments, problems, or suggestions about the PM program:

### **FROM SPONSORS:**

22. Please share your comments, suggestions, and insights about the Peak Mastery program and about the results you observed in your students: