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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.

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

1. What do you plan to do after high school? _____

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

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

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

Price of the car Miles on the car Number of months to pay the loan

Interest rate on the loan Your weekly income Your yearly tax rate

Your driving record Your insurance rate 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? _____

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:

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?

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? _____

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: