

Student Interview Questions

I believe an interview should be like a conversation, not like taking a poll. Every one of these questions has one or several potential follow-ups, depending on what the student says. The overarching goal is to make the student feel comfortable and trusting, so no judgment is allowed.

1. Do you know the purpose of this interview?
2. How are you feeling today?
3. Where do you live? With who? Brothers/sisters?
4. How long have you lived where you do now?
5. How long have you been attending this school?
6. What do you like the most about school?
7. What do you like the least?
8. Do you have a favorite subject? What do you like about that subject?
9. Do you have a favorite teacher? Why do you like him/her?
10. Do you have a subject that you really don't like? If yes, why?
11. How would you describe yourself as a student – good grades, okay grades, not so good grades?
12. Was there ever a time for you in school when you did better or worse than you are doing now? Why do you think that was?
13. Thinking back on your last year in school, what was your best experience? Your worst?
14. What do you like to do when you are not in school? (Prompts: Do you have a hobby? Play sports? Read a book? Listen to music? Play video games?)
15. If you could change one thing about your experience in school, what would that be?
16. What is your goal in school? Do you have an idea of what you might want to do after high school? If yes, why do you think this is interesting to you?
17. What do you think (have been told) others want for you? Are other people's opinions of concern to you? Why or why not?
18. What would you like to tell me about yourself that I didn't think to ask?
19. What would you like to ask me about myself, what I'm doing and how, etc.?