

## Iowa Statewide Parent Information Resource Center

### Mission Statement:

“To inspire, engage and support parents, schools and communities to improve learning and developmental outcomes for children and youth.”



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# Questions

*to ask your high school kids after,  
"How was school today?"*

**Select one or two questions and try them out. You could also have your high schooler choose questions to talk about.**



Is there anything you would like to share with me about your day at school? Any interesting facts or ideas? If so, what?

Did you meet anyone new today? If so, who?

Are there any school events coming up that you are planning to attend? If so what events?

Are you happy with your grades? Why or why not?

What makes a day at school a good day?

Do you have all the material you need in your classes? If not, what do you need?



What was the most interesting thing you learned at school today?

What did you learn that you could use right away?

Did you enjoy any specific class today that you don't usually find interesting? If so, what class and why?

Did any of your friends do something funny at school? What did they do?

What was the funniest thing that happened?



Who is your funniest friend at school?

What could you teach me that you learned today?

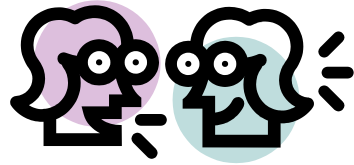
Who do you hang out with when you are at school?

What can I do to help you be more successful in school?

If your teachers had one word to describe you, what word would they use?

What class do you have the worst grade in? What can you do to improve that grade?

Does the teacher ever have to tell you to stop talking?



Do you have any projects due in the next month? Have you started working on them?

Is it a group project? Who are your other group members? Do you get along with them?



Are you having trouble with any of the concepts you are learning in school?

What are three things you can do when you are having difficulty learning something?

What is your strongest/weakest subject?

What do you think about the sports and clubs at your school? Do you wish to participate in any of them?



What do you think your school could do a better job of?

What has been the best/worst part of school this week?

What do you like most/least about school?

Are you happy with the classes you are taking?

What classes would you like to take in the future?

What can I do to help you be more successful in school?



Did you enjoy any specific class today that you don't usually find interesting? If so, what class and why?

Will the classes you are taking give you any advantage in the future? If so which classes?

Are you taking any high school/college credit classes? If so, what classes? If not, do you think you will?

How are the courses you are taking now and in the future preparing you to continue your education after high school? Explain.

Do you have any homework tonight? Do you need any help with the assignment? If so what can I help you with?

Where do you see yourself after high school?

Is going to college/university after high school your first choice? Why or why not?



Do you want to start college right after high school, or are you feeling adventurous and are willing to take a break for a while? Why or why not?

Have you looked at any colleges/universities you are interested in going after high school?

When and how are you using your cell phone during the school day?

How do you use text messaging? When is it appropriate and inappropriate to use during school?

How do you contribute to the learning of other students?

Do you have any mean teachers this year?

Who did you sit by at lunch today?

Have you had any tests this week? How do you think you did on them?



Do you have any tests coming up? What classes? Do you think you will do well on them?

What class do you have that has most of your friends in it?

What would your teachers say about you as a learner?

Who is your least favorite teacher this year? Why? What do they teach?

Do you have any funny teachers this year?

If you had one word to describe your least favorite teacher, what would it be?

What are you learning in each of your classes this semester?

What do teachers do that helps you learn things faster?



Is there anything that you are looking forward to tomorrow? This week?

Is there anything that you aren't looking forward to tomorrow? This week?

Do you have any of your friends in your classes?



Do you have any ideas as to what you want to study in college?



Have you noticed any colleges that you are interested in applying to?



When do you plan to take the PLAN test or the PSAT?

When do you plan on taking the ACT and/or the SAT?

Do you know about the resources that can help you pay your education after high school? If so what?

Are you certain about what you want to major in? If so what? If not, what are you interested in?



How important do you think your education is now and after high school?

What are you nervous about right now in school?

What are you nervous about when it comes to your education after high school?

Is there anything that keeps you from thinking you cannot continue your education? If so what?



What current goals do you have for yourself?

Which staff member at school knows you best?

If you could change one thing about your school what would it be?

What do you think about volunteering in the community?

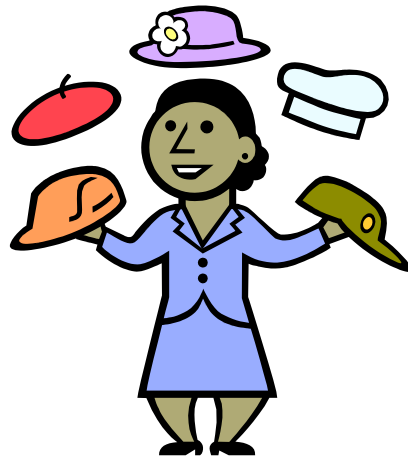
If you could be anything you would like when you grow up what would it be?

What career field would you like to go into?

What are some of the things you are doing to get into the college you want?

What do you think about the grades you are getting in each of your classes?

Do you have any questions about what will happen after high school?



Is there anything I can do to help you prepare for college?

What was your favorite class today? What made it your favorite class?

What was your least favorite class today? What made it your least favorite class?

What class went by the fastest today? Why?

What class went by the slowest today? Why?

What is the easiest class for you this year? Why?

What is the hardest class for you this year? Why?

How does your normal school day go?

Who is your favorite teacher this year? Why? What do they teach?

If you had one word to describe your favorite teacher, what word would you use?

What would your teachers say about how the day went?

