

**Year 2001 SATISFACTION WITH EDUCATION IN ALBERTA:  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY – FINAL (March 8, 2001)**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from Criterion Research, an opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey on behalf of Alberta Learning. Please be assured that we are not trying to sell you anything. We are just interested in your opinions. All answers are kept confidential. For the purposes of this survey, may I please speak to the person in your household who is currently in high school and has had the most recent birthday (would that be you)?

- 1 Yes  
2 No ARRANGE CALLBACK / REINTRODUCE IF NECESSARY

*PAT RESPONSE (If unsure of what Alberta Learning is): Alberta Learning is a new Alberta government department, formed in May 1999. Alberta Learning was formed from the former departments of Alberta Education (which had responsibility for Kindergarten to Grade 12) and Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development (which had responsibility for post-secondary and adult learning).*

*Contact Name/Phone Number:*

*If you have any questions or concerns about this research project, please do not hesitate to call Pat Ehman at Alberta Learning in Edmonton (780) 427 – 3583.*

- A. How old are you? (DO NOT READ)
- 1 12 years old
  - 2 13 years old
  - 3 14 years old
  - 4 15 years old
  - 5 16 years old
  - 6 17 years old
  - 7 18 years old
  - 8 19 years old
  - 9 20 or more years old
  - 10 Refused

*IF QU.A=1,2,3,4 OR 5 READ*

*OTHERS, GO TO QU.B*

*AA. Would it be possible for me to speak to your parent or guardian so that I can get their permission to conduct this interview with you?*

- 1 Yes  
2 No ARRANGE CALLBACK

*BB. REPEAT TO PARENT/GUARDIAN IF NECESSARY Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from Criterion Research, an opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey on behalf of Alberta Learning. Please be assured that we are not trying to sell anything. For the purposes of this survey, I need to speak to the person in your household who is currently in high school and has had the most recent birthday. However, as that person is 16 years old or younger, we need to get your permission to conduct this interview. We are just interested in their opinions and all answers are kept confidential.*

*Do we have your permission to conduct this interview?*

- 1 Yes PROCEED WITH **STUDENT INTERVIEW***
- 2 No THANK AND TERMINATE*

**B. Gender (DO NOT ASK)**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

We are interested in your opinions about the education you are receiving at your school.

1. What grade are you currently in? (CHECK QUOTAS)

- 1 Grade 10
- 2 Grade 11
- 3 Grade 12

2. Are you currently in ... (READ LIST)

- 1 A Public school
- 2 A Roman Catholic separate school
- 3 A Protestant separate school
- 4 A Private school
- 5 Other (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
(eg. Home Study / Charter School / Francophone school)

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of education that you are receiving in your school? Are you ... (ROTATE AND READ LIST)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied
- (DO NOT READ) 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

4. How satisfied are you with the responsiveness of the education system to your needs and expectations? Are you... (ROTATE AND READ LIST)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

(DO NOT READ) 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

5. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that your school provides a safe environment?
- 1 Strongly Agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
6. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that your school provides a caring environment?
- 1 Strongly Agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
7. Thinking about the learning experiences you are having at your school, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.  
*ROTATE AND READ LIST*
- a. Teachers use a variety of approaches to meet *my* learning needs
- 1 Strongly agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- b. Teachers help students achieve learning expectations
- c. Teachers help students achieve high standards
8. In your opinion, how much is high school helping you **IMPROVE** your computer skills?
- 1 Very little
  - 2 Some
  - 3 A lot
  - 4 Don't Know/Not Applicable
9. How satisfied are you with your access to computers in your school? Are you...  
(ROTATE AND READ)
- 1 Very satisfied
  - 2 Satisfied
  - 3 Dissatisfied
  - 4 Very dissatisfied
- (DO NOT READ)
- 6 Don't Know/Not Applicable

Now I would like you to think about recent high school graduates in Alberta.

10. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that **high school graduates** in Alberta are prepared to enter post-secondary education and training?
- 1 Strongly Agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
11. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that high school graduates in Alberta are being taught the rights and responsibilities of citizenship?
- 1 Strongly Agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
12. And now, thinking about all learners in Alberta (including adult learners), would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that they have ease of access to lifelong learning?
- 1 Strongly Agree
  - 2 Agree
  - 3 Disagree
  - 4 Strongly disagree
  - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

**Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about apprenticeship training and the trades as a career choice, and factors influencing your career choices.**

13. Please indicate if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each of the following statements.

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. I am aware of apprenticeship training and the trades as a career choice.
- b. My counselor/teacher made me aware of the options available in apprenticeship and industry training.
- c. Careers in the trades are interesting and challenging.
- d. I have considered the trades as a career option.
- e. I plan to pursue a trade as my career choice.
- f. I would recommend the trades as a viable career choice for others.
- g. I plan to pursue a university or college education.
- h. Friends and high school students helped me to shape my career choices.
- i. Parents and family helped me to shape my career choices.
- j. Teachers, guidance counselors and/or career counselors helped me to shape my career choices.
- k. Advertisements from post-secondary institutions on television, radio and in newspapers influenced my career choices.
- l. Information from post-secondary institutions on their internet web sites influenced my career choices.
- m. Other advertising on trades/internet web sites such as Tradesecrets.com. influenced my career choices.

13.b Were there any factors other than those just mentioned which helped you shape your career choices.

- 1 Yes (Go to 13.c)
- 2 No.

DO NOT READ 3 Don't Know/Not Applicable

13.c Please indicate what they are (Record verbatim responses): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Finally, I have a few questions for us to use in understanding the data better.

14. Are you a ...READ  
1 Full-time student  
2 Part-time student  
DO NOT READ  
3 Don't Know/Not Applicable
15. Do you currently hold a paying job?  
1 Yes  
2 No GO TO END  
3 Don't Know/Not Applicable GO TO END
16. On average, how many hours do you work in a week?  
1 10 hours or less a week  
2 11 - 20 hours a week  
3 More than 20 hours a week  
4 Don't Know/Not Applicable

On behalf of Alberta Learning, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

17. Note geographic location division

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. Edmonton       | 11. <b>Rural North:</b> St. Paul,                |
| 2. Calgary        | Westlock, Barrhead,                              |
| 3. Banff          | Lloydminster, Morinville, Slave                  |
| 4. Lake Louise    | Lake, Vegreville, and Lac La                     |
| 5. Jasper         | Biche  |
| 6. Fort McMurray  | 12. <b>Rural Central:</b> Rocky Mountain         |
| 7. Grande Prairie | House, Sundre, Innisfail, Stettler,              |
| 8. Lethbridge     | Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Drumheller,                 |
| 9. Medicine Hat   | Wainwright                                       |
| 10. Red Deer      | 13. <b>Rural South:</b> Brooks, Claresholm, Fort |
|                   | MacLeod, Cardston, Taber, High River             |