

**YEAR 2001/02 SATISFACTION WITH EDUCATION IN ALBERTA:
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY**

Hello may I speak to the parent of _____(INSERT STUDENT NAME).

1. Yes, speaking (**Proceed**)
2. Yes, I'll get him/her
3. No, not available (**Schedule call back**)

Hello, my name is _____and I am calling from R.A Malatest & Associates Ltd. on behalf of Alberta Learning. The survey we are conducting annually gathers opinions on the education system in Alberta. The study will be used to provide information with respect to satisfaction with Alberta's learning system, and to identify possible areas for improvement or further investigation.

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, we would like to get your permission to conduct this interview. The information being collected is for research purposes only and will be reported on an aggregate basis only.

Do we have your permission to conduct this interview?

- 1 Yes (**Proceed with student interview**)
- 2 No (**Thank and terminate**)

(Repeat to student if necessary). Hello, my name is _____and I am calling from R.A Malatest & Associates Ltd. on behalf of Alberta Learning. The survey we are conducting annually gathers opinions on the education system in Alberta. The study will be used to provide information with respect to satisfaction with Alberta's learning system, and to identify possible areas for improvement or further investigation.

***** If more information is requested by person who answers telephone read section below.*****

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PAT RESPONSE (If unsure of what Alberta Learning is): Alberta Learning is the Alberta government department that oversees Alberta's learning system. The department is responsible for basic learning, including Kindergarten to Grade 12, and post-secondary, apprenticeship and adult learning.

Contact Name/Phone Number:

If you have any questions or concerns about this research project, please do not hesitate to call Rick Jeune at Alberta Learning in Edmonton (780) 422 – 8524.

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of education that you are receiving in your school? Are you ... **(Read List)**
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
4. How satisfied are you with the responsiveness of the education system to your needs and expectations? Are you... **(Read List)**
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 9 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
 - 9 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
 - 9 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) (Read List)**
- a. Teachers use a variety of approaches to meet *my* learning needs
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 9 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
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
9. How satisfied are you with your access to computers in your school? Are you... (**Read List**)
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 9 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
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
11. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement. All learners in Alberta have easy access to lifelong learning.
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
12. How satisfied are you that high school graduates in Alberta are well prepared for citizenship?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 9 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.

13a. 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
- 9 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.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- 10 Have not seen ads

- l. Information from post-secondary institutions on their internet web sites influenced my career choices.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- 10 Have not visited Internet website

m. Other advertising on trades or internet web sites influenced my career choices.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- 10 Have not seen ads

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

- 1 Yes **(GO TO 13c.)**
- 2 No.
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

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

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

14. Gender **(Do not ask)**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

15. Are you a ...**(Read)**

- 3 Full-time student
- 4 Part-time student
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

16. Do you currently hold a full or part time paying job?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No **(GO TO END)**
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable **(GO TO END)**

17. 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
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

We've reached the end of the survey. On behalf of Alberta Learning, I'd like to thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

1. Note geographic location division (**UP LOAD FROM DATA FILE**)
 1. Edmonton
 2. Calgary
 3. Banff
 4. Lake Louise
 5. Jasper
 6. Fort McMurray
 7. Grande Prairie
 8. Lethbridge
 9. Medicine Hat
 10. Red Deer
 11. Lloydminster
 12. Rural North (St. Paul, Westlock, Barrhead, Morinville, Slave Lake, Vegreville, Lac La Biche)
 13. Rural Central (Rocky Mountain House, Sundre, Innisfail, Stettler, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin, Drumheller, Wainwright)
 14. Rural South (Brooks, Claresholm, Fort MacLeod, Cardston, Taber, High River)