

Welcome Back Teachers!



Get to Know Your Students by Using Interest Surveys and Learning Style Inventories

Welcome back to an exciting new year! There's no better way to start the new year right than to really get to know your students. Interest surveys and student learning questionnaires give you powerful information to help you differentiate learning and build relationships with your students from day one!

Food for Thought

"There are some things we should know about all of our students because knowing them will greatly influence our teaching (and parenting). They reflect the conditions necessary for students to learn, be happy, feel relevant, and be resilient." -Maurice J. Elias

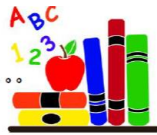
Check out this article from Edutopia on important Social and Emotional Learning questions to ask your students at the start of the year.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/important-questions-ask-your-students>

Resources

Elementary School Learning & Interest Survey:

When I Learn....



Name: _____

Please check all that apply.

I like to work:

- alone
- with a partner
- with a small group
- whole class

I work well when I:

- read about things
- use hands-on materials
- talk to other people and get their ideas
- use the computer
- listen and watch

When I'm learning I need:

- quiet
- music or quiet noise
- to be able to move around
- to be able to talk with others

When I need help:

- I will ask the teacher or a classmate for help
- I don't like to ask for help
- I'm afraid people will laugh or judge me when I ask for help

Things that keep me from learning are:

- music
- people moving around me
- noise
- quiet
- bright light
- not enough light

I know my _____ math facts by heart:

- addition
- subtraction
- multiplication
- division
- none of the above

When you do a project, would you rather:

- make up a song/rap
- write a report
- act out a skit
- create a game
- make a presentation on the computer
- make a poster

My favorite subject in school is:

- reading
- writing
- math
- science
- social studies

What kind of books do you like to read:

- non-fiction
- mystery
- sad
- funny
- historical fiction
- action
- other *List which type: _____

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Source: <http://5thgraderocks5thgraderules.blogspot.com/2012/07/music-that-is-question-freebie-needs.html>

Middle & High School Learning Inventory:

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THE MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCE QUIZ

Estimated time required: 20 minutes

For each of the statements below, choose a number between 1 and 5 to rate how the statement describes you.

1 – No, the statement is not at all like me 4 – The statement is a lot like me
2 – The statement is a little like me 5 – Yes, the statement is definitely me
3 – The statement is somewhat like me

<p>Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>I can use lots of different words to express myself. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I feel comfortable working with language and words. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy crosswords and other word games like Scrabble. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I tend to remember things exactly as they are said to me. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy participating in debates and/or discussions. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I find it easy to explain things to others. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy keeping a written journal and/or writing stories and articles. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I like to read a lot. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>I work best in an organised work area. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy maths and using numbers. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I keep a 'things to do' list. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy playing brainteasers and logic puzzles. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I like to ask 'why' questions. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I work best when I have a day planner or timetable. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I quickly grasp cause and effect relationships. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I always do things one step at a time. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Visual/Spatial</p> <p>I understand colour combinations and what colours work well together. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy solving jigsaw, maze and/or other visual puzzles. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I read charts and maps easily. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have a good sense of direction. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I like to watch the scenes and activities in movies. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I am observant. I often see things that others miss. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can anticipate the moves and consequences in a game plan (i.e., hockey sense, chess sense). <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can picture scenes in my head when I remember things. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Interpersonal</p> <p>I can sense the moods and feelings of others. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I work best when interacting with people. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy team sports rather than individual sports. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can sort out arguments between friends. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I prefer group activities rather than ones I do alone. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy learning about different cultures. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy social events like parties. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy sharing my ideas and feelings with others. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>I often play music in my mind. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>My mood changes when I listen to music. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>It is easy for me to follow the beat of music. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can pick out different instruments when I listen to a piece of music. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I keep time when music is playing. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can hear an off-key note. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I find it easy to engage in musical activities. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I can remember pieces of music easily. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Naturalistic</p> <p>Pollution makes me angry. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I notice similarities and differences in trees, flowers and other things in nature. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I feel very strongly about protecting the environment. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy watching nature programs on television. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I engage in 'clean-up days'. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I like planting and caring for a garden. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enjoy fishing, bushwalking and bird-watching. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>When I leave school, I hope to work with plants and animals. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>TOTAL <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Source: http://www.collegesuccess1.com/InstructorManual4thEd/Learning%20Style/MI_quiz.pdf

Printable Learning & Interest Inventories for each grade level:

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
https://www.rcsdk12.org/cms/lib/NY01001156/Centricity/Domain/9842/Multiple%20Intelligence%20Survey.pdf	https://gse.gmu.edu/assets/docs/forms/mirs/mi_survey_grades_4-8.pdf	http://www.collegesuccess1.com/InstructorManual4thEd/Learning%20Style/MI_quiz.pdf
https://www.pgsd.org/cms/lib07/PA01916597/Centricity/Domain/43/Interest%20Profiles.pdf	http://www.kerstens.org/alicia/planning10/Multiple%20Intelligences%20Inventory.pdf	http://surfaquarium.com/MI/inventory.pdf

Check out these Online Quizzes too!

Accelerated Learning Quiz on Learning Styles (Online Quiz): http://www.acceleratedlearning.com/method/test_flash.html

EduTopia Multiple Intelligence Self-Assessment (Online Quiz): <https://www.edutopia.org/multiple-intelligences-assessment>