First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Student Attendance Questionnaire

Students do not come to school for many reasons. We want you to tell us how we can help you get to school on time every day ready to learn. **This is NOT a test.** There are NO wrong answers. **We want to know what YOU think!**

1. How long have you been a student at this school? **Please check only one box**.

   ☐ This is my **1st** year at this school.
   ☐ This is my **2nd** year at this school.
   ☐ This is my **3rd** year at this school.
   ☐ This is my **4th** year at this school.

2. What time do you **usually** go to bed on a school night?

   _____

3. What time do you **usually** wake up in the morning on a school day?

   _____

4. How do you **usually** wake up for school in the morning? **Please check only one box.**

   ☐ I use an alarm clock or the alarm on my cell phone.
   ☐ A parent or caregiver wakes me.
   ☐ A sibling wakes me.
   ☐ A friend wakes me.
   ☐ Other: _____

5. How do you **usually** get to school in the morning? **Please check only one box.**

   ☐ I take public transportation (e.g. the MBTA bus or T).
   ☐ I take a school bus.
   ☐ I get a ride from a parent or caregiver.
   ☐ I get a ride from a sibling.
   ☐ I get a ride from a friend.
   ☐ I walk.
   ☐ Other: _____

6. How long does it **usually** take you to get to school? **Please check only one box.**

   ☐ It takes me less than 10 minutes
   ☐ It takes me 10-20 minutes
   ☐ It takes me 20-30 minutes
   ☐ It takes me 30-40 minutes
   ☐ It takes me 40-50 minutes
   ☐ It takes me 50 minutes-1 hour
   ☐ It takes me longer than 1 hour

7. What are your top three reasons for **coming** to school? **Please choose your top three and write '1' for the top reason, '2' for the second, and '3' for the third.**

   __ I think education is important.
   __ My parent/guardian encourages me to attend.
   -- My friends encourage me to attend.
   __ Coming to school helps me stay out of trouble.
   __ My classes are interesting.
   __ I want to participate in after-school.
   __ Other: _____

8. Do you know how many unexcused absences you can have each quarter before being in danger of getting an NC/No Credit?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   8a. If you answered **yes**, how many unexcused absences do you think you can have each quarter before receiving a NC? _____

9. About how often are you **late** to school? **Please check only one box.**

   ☐ Never
   ☐ 1 or 2 times each month
   ☐ 1 or 2 times each week
   ☐ 3 or 4 times each week
   ☐ Every day

10. Are there some classes that you miss more often than others?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

    10a. If you answered **yes**, which class or classes do you miss most often?

    _____

    10b. Why do you miss these classes more than others?

    _____

    _____

    _____

Turn over to continue

11. About how often do you miss an **entire day** of school? **Please check only one box.**

- ☐ Never
- ☐ 1 or 2 times each month
- ☐ 1 or 2 times each week
- ☐ 3 or 4 times each week
- ☐ Every day

12. Who notices if you miss school? **Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ My teacher(s)
- ☐ My principal
- ☐ Another adult at my school (e.g., a guidance counselor, the registrar)
- ☐ My parent or caregiver
- ☐ Another family member
- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Nobody
- ☐ Other person:_____

12a. What do these people usually say or do when you miss school?

_____

_____

_____

_____

13. Do you know what you need to do in class after you have been absent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13a. How do you know what to do in class after you have been tardy or absent? **Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ My teachers tell me what I need to do to get caught up.
- ☐ My parent/guardian calls the school to find out what I need to do to get caught up.
- ☐ Friends or classmates help me get caught up.

13b. How many of your teachers have the same grading or homework policies about what happens when you miss class? **Please check only one box.**

- ☐ **All** of my teachers have the same policies about missing class.
- ☐ **Most** of my teachers have the same policies about missing class.
- ☐ **Some** of my teachers have the same policies about missing class.
- ☐ **None** of my teachers has the same policies about missing class.
- ☐ I don't know.

13c. Please describe **one** thing you know you need to do when you've missed a day of school:

_____

_____

_____

14. Do you or your family member(s) receive a phone call from someone at your school when you are tardy or absent? Please check only one box.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

15. When you miss an **entire day or days of school**, what are the top three reasons? Please choose your top three and write **'1' for your most frequent reason, '2' for the second, and '3' for the third.**

- __ I cannot wake up in time.
- __ I have difficulty getting to and from school.
- __ I am bored in class.
- __ I don't care about getting good grades
- __ I don't understand the material.
- __ I have to care for a younger sibling or other family member.
- __ I have a job.
- __ I have a doctor's appointment.
- __ I am sick.
- __ Someone else in my family is ill or there is a death in my family.
- __ I am concerned about my safety at school.
- __ I am concerned about my safety on my way to school.
- __ I am suspended.
- __ Other: _____

16. Which of the following do you think would be **most** helpful for students at our school to get here on time or more often? **Please choose your top three, and write '1' for the most helpful, '2' for the second, and '3' for the third.**

- __ Having someone to check in with every day
- __ Getting assigned a school bus
- __ Getting help figuring out how to take the MBTA bus or T
- __ Getting help with paying for the MBTA bus or T
- __ Using an alarm clock
- __ Getting a wake up call from the school
- __ Having teachers clarify information, assignments, and expectations
- __ Improving how classes are taught
- __ Caring about grades and graduating
- __ Having more after-school opportunities
- __ Other: _____