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Foreword

This manual has been produced to familiarize data users with the procedures followed for data collection and processing of the second follow-up student component of the National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS:88). A corollary objective is to provide the necessary documentation for use of the data file.

Use of the data set does not require the analyst to be a sophisticated statistician or computer programmer. Most social scientists and policy analysts should find the data set organized and equipped in a manner that facilitates straightforward production of statistical summaries and analyses. This manual provides extensive documentation of the content of the data file and how to use it. Chapter VII and Appendix I, in particular, contain essential information that allows the user to immediately proceed with minimal startup cost. A careful reading of Chapter VII and Appendix I will help users to avoid common mistakes that result in costly computer job failures or incorrect results.

The rest of the manual provides a wide range of information on the design and conduct of the National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988 (NELS:88). Chapter I begins with an overview and history of NCES's National Education Longitudinal Studies program and the various studies that it comprises. Chapter II contains a general description of the data collection instruments used in the NELS:88 second follow-up.

The sample design and weighting procedures used in the second follow-up study are documented in Chapter III, as well as standard errors and design effects, non-sampling measurement errors, and problematic variables.

Data collection procedures, schedules, and results are presented in Chapter IV. Chapter V describes data control and preparation activities such as monitoring receipt of questionnaires, editing, and data retrieval. Chapter VI describes data processing activities including machine editing and construction of the cleaned data tape. Finally, Chapter VII describes the organization and contents of the data file and provides important suggestions for using it.

The appendices contain a list of other NCES NELS:88 publications; guidelines for Statistical Analysis System (SAS) users; the second follow-up student questionnaire; the record layout for the student questionnaire; specifications for the composite variables; the content areas of the second follow-up components; a glossary of project terms; a discussion of conducting cross-cohort trend analyses of students; and a codebook for the student questionnaire data.

In addition to the study described in this manual, a number of supplemental NELS:88 components are also described in Appendix A.

Earlier NCES longitudinal studies that may be of interest to NELS:88 users are described in Appendix B including the following: the High School and Beyond (HS&B) base year files; merged HS&B first, second, third, and fourth follow-up files; related HS&B files; and assorted files related to the National Longitudinal Study of the High School Class of 1972 (NLS-72).

A Note on Data Use and Confidentiality

The NELS:88 second follow-up data files are released in accordance with the provisions of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) [20-USC 122e 1] and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act. The GEPA assures privacy by ensuring that respondents will never be individually identified.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is responsible under the Privacy Act and Public Law 100-297 for protecting the confidentiality of individually identifiable respondents, and is releasing this data set to be used for statistical purposes only. Record matching or deductive disclosure by any user is prohibited.

To ensure that the confidentiality provisions contained in PL 100-297 and the Privacy Act have been fully implemented, procedures commonly applied for disclosure avoidance in other Government-sponsored surveys were used in preparing the data file associated with this manual. These include suppressing, abridging, and recoding identifiable variables. Every effort has been made to provide the maximum research information that is consistent with reasonable confidentiality protection. Deleted, abridged, and/or recoded variables appear with an explanatory footnote in the codebook attached to each user's manual.

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Student, Dropout and School Components

Content areas and corresponding questions in NELS:88 Second Follow-Up

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Armed Forces	48 Plans to join Mined Forces, which branch, why	56 Why joined Armed Forces	28 What percentage of 1990-91 class went into military
Transition from school to college/ work	50 Why not continue education right away 53-54 Who/what services at school helped in job search 64-65 Career expectations 91 Hourly pay rate	40 Job expectations 44-47 Jobs held since high school 48-50 Training programs participated in	9,19 What vocational services does school offer, what percentage of students use those services 15 What school-work transition programs does school offer 16-17 Does school have vocational programs, how do students get into those programs 20 Does school have a relationship with the local business community
Applying to colleges	44 Plans for taking college admissions, placement tests 45 Preparations for ACT/SAT 57 Help from school in applying for colleges 58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid 59-61 Choosing a school 62-63 Study fields desired/most likely to pursue		12 How often does staff help seniors with college application matters 13 What percentage of seniors attend informative programs about college through school 14 How many colleges send representatives to meet students 27 What percent of 1990-91 class went on to which options, incl. college, vocational school, apprenticeships
Teaching staff characteristics	7 School climate and teacher interaction		29 How many full-time and how many part time teachers does school have 37 What are lowest and highest salaries of teachers 38 How many minutes of preparation time are teachers allowed daily
Family, home, friends, community	67 Thoughts on own future 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 78 Who helps to take care of child 106 Attends religious services	58 Thoughts on life chances 62 Ages will assume roles and activities 68 Who helps to take care of child 88 Attends religious services	18 Which community, training, motivation programs are available
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Student Dropout School

	Student	Dropout	School
School climate	6A Grade currently in 7 School climate and teacher interaction 8 Safety in school 24 How often comes to class unprepared 25 How much time spent on homework in various subjects each week, in and out of school	9-14 Event history series on dropping out of school 18 Last school's climate	1-2 Total student and 12th grade enrollments in school 56-57 School climate 58 Which factors influence students to drop out of your school 59 Principal's influence 60 School's relationship with different groups 62 Which factors influence how the principal is evaluated by superiors
School climate (continued)	26 Who tutored student (besides parents) 29 Have been recognized by school or community 31 Time spent on school sponsored extracurricular activities per week 32 Time spent on non school related reading per week 33 Frequency of participation in non school related activities		
Attendance and absences	9 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems 10 Reasons for absences 11 When/duration of last unexcused absence	19 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems in last school	21What is average daily attendance rate for 12th grade students
School program	12 Description of current high school program 15-18 Science teacher/class 19-22 Math teacher/class 23B Vocational teacher practice 27-28 Have taken a minimum competency or proficiency test, results	20 Description of last high school program 24 What has happened in last 2 years (i.e. counseling, drug rehab., alternative school, held back in school) 29 Services received from alternative program	4 School type 5 How many days in school year for seniors 6-7 Typical academic load for seniors, how many in which instructional programs 11 What percentage of seniors received personal/tutorial help 25 What percentage of student body receives special learning/access services 42-47 Competency tests 49 How many seniors are in advanced placement classes
Applying for college	42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education 43 Student's educational expectations 44-45 Plans for taking college admissions and placement tests, preparations for the SAT/ACT 47 Have enough skills now for career in five years 65 Education needed to get job planned to have when 30 years old	37 Parental aspirations for respondent's education 38 Respondent's educational expectations 40B Have enough skills now for career in five years 40C Education needed to get job planned to have when 30 years old	14 How many colleges send representatives to meet students 27 What percentage of 1990-91 class went on to which options,incl. college, vocational school, apprenticeships

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Teaching staff characteristics	7 School climate and teacher interaction		29 How many full-time and how many part-time teachers does school have 30-36 How is school broken down into subject areas/departments, how are heads chosen/compensated, what subjects have formal departments 37 What are lowest and highest salaries of teachers 38 How many minutes of preparation time are teachers allowed daily 39-41 Teacher evaluations and rewards
Peers, teen's activities	34-35 Time spent playing computer video games and watching television 40 Importance of several life goals/ideals 66 Self-esteem 68 Importance of peer group activities 70-71 Student, friends belong to a gang 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 73 Marital status 74 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 80-85 Substance abuse 78 Who helps to take care of child	36 Importance of several life goals/ideals 57 Self-esteem 58 Thoughts on life chances 59 Activities of respondent's friends 60 Importance of peer group activities 61 Respondent, friends belong to a gang 63 Did spouse leave high school before graduating 64 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 65 Would respondent consider having a child if not married 66-67 Does respondent have children, birthdates 68 Who helps to take care of child 69 Describe relationship with child's other parent 70-75 Substance abuse	
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Language use	107-108 Is English native language, usage of native language 109 How well student understands, speaks,reads, and writes English 110 Received help in English, what type, perceived value of help 111-113 Have English skills made it difficult to engage in school work/activities, jobs, applying for college, college work	89-90 Is English native language, usage of native language 91 How well student understands, speaks, reads, and writes English 92 Received help in English, what type, perceived value of help 93 Would respondent have stayed in school if had better knowledge of English	48 What grades are offered English language programs

CONTENT CATEGORY: 3. TRACKING DYNAMICS

Student Dropout School

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School climate	24 How often comes to class unprepared 25 How much time spent on homework in various subjects each week, in and out of school 66 Self-esteem	19 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems in last school 57 Self-esteem	58 Which factors influence students to drop out of your school 60 school's relationship with different groups
School programs	12 Description of current school program, access into program	20 Inscription of last high school program	7 How many seniors are in which instructional programs 49 How many seniors are in advanced placement classes
Transition from school to college/ work	41 What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school		16-17 Does school have vocational programs, how do students get into those programs 18 Which community, training, motivation programs are available to 12th graders 20 Does school have a relationship with the local business community
Applying for colleges	44 Plans for taking college admissions and placement tests 58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid for college 61 What type of school will most likely go on to		12 How often does staff help seniors with college application matters 13 What percentage of seniors attend informative programs about college through school 27 What percent of 1990-91 class went on to which options,incl. college, vocational school, apprenticeships
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School climate	7 School climate 8 Safety in school 17 Student engagement in science class 21 Student engagement in math class 24-25 Preparation for class, completion of homework 29 Have been recognized by school or community for activities 30 Participation in school sponsored extracurricular activities	18 Last school's climate	55 What percentage of 12th graders' parents have met with staff 56-57 School climate 59 Principal's influence 60 School's relationship with different groups 61 How often are parents notified about student's progress/behavior
Time in and out of school	9 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems 10 Reasons for absences 11 When/duration of last unexcused absence	19 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems in last school	21 What is average daily attendance rate for 12th grade students
School program	13 Participation in special programs 27-28 Have taken a minimum competency or proficiency test, results	20 Description of last high school program	25 What percentage of student body receives special learning/access services 42-47 Competency tests
Applying for colleges/ work	41 What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school 42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education 43 Student's educational expectations 86-91 Jobs held during school year 92 Spending of earnings	31 Plans to get a high school diploma or GED 37 Parental aspirations for respondent's education 38 Respondent's educational expectations 39 People talked to respondent about continuing education 40-43 Job expectations, recent job search 44-46 Jobs held since high school 47 Where respondent spent earnings 48-50 Participated in training programs	14 How many colleges send representatives to meet students 27 What percent of 1990-91 class went on to which options, incl. college, vocational school, apprenticeships
Teaching staff characteristics	7 School climate/ teacher interaction		29 How many full-time and how many part-time teachers does your school have

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Family/ home life/ friends	34-35 Time spent playing computer video games and watching television 40 Importance of several life goals/ideals 66 Self-esteem 68 Importance of peer group activities 70-71 Student, friends belong to a gang 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 73 Marital status 74 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 80-85 Substance abuse 78 Who helps to take care of child 93-95 Caring for younger children 96 Family related events 97 Do parents know student's friends' parents 98 Who makes decisions in family 99 How often discusses school, college, jobs, problems with parents 101 Run away from home 102-103 How many times moved, changed schools 105-106 Attends/practices religion	36 Importance of several life goals/ideals 57 Self-esteem 58 Thoughts on life chances 59 Activities of respondent's friends 60 Importance of peer group activities 61 Respondent, friends belong to a gang 63 Did spouse leave high school before graduating 64 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 65 Would respondent consider having a child if not married 66-67 Does respondent have children, birthdates 68 Who helps to take care of child 69 Describe relationship with child's other parent 70-75 Substance abuse 76 Who lives in same household with respondent 77-79 Caring for younger children 80 Family related events 81 Who makes decisions in family 83 Run away from home 85-86 How many times moved, changed schools 88-89 Attends/practices religion	22 Percentages of 12th graders in different ethnic groups 23 Percentage of 12th greaders from one-parent homes
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School programs	14 Participation in Upward Bound program	15 Name and location of last school attended	6 Typical academic load for seniors
Transition from school to college/ work	50 Why not continue with school right away 51-52 Have a job lined up for full-time work after leaving high school53-54 Who/what services at school helped in job search 55 Expected hourly wage in first job after high school	31-34 Plans to get a high school diploma or GED 44-46 Details on jobs held since high school 48-50 Participated in training programs	
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Armed Forces		51A, 52B Served in any branch of the Armed Forces, currently on active duty 56 Why joined Armed Forces	28 What percentage of 1990-91 class went into military

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,	Student	Dropout	School
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Dropping out		21 Plans to get a high school diploma or GED 24 What has happened in last 2 years (i.e. counseling, drug rehab., alternative school, held back in school)	26 What percent of 12th graders drop out before graduation
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Student Dropout School

School, education	12B Access into current high school program 42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education	22 Parent's response to respondent dropping out 37 Parental aspirations for respondent	55 What percentage of 12th graders' parents have met with staff 58 Which factors influence students to drop out of your school 61 How often are parents notified about student's progress/behavior
Family, home	96 Family related events 97 Do parents know student's friends' parents 98 Who makes decisions in family 99 How often discusses school, college, jobs, problems with parents 100 Student's perception of relationship with parents 104 How old when left alone	76 Who lives in same household with respondent 80 Family related events 81 Who makes decisions in family 82 Respondent's perception of relationship with parents	23 Percentage of 12th graders from one-parent homes

Appendix N

NELS:88 Second Follow-Up Content Areas:

Student, Teacher and Parent Components

CONTENT CATEGORY: 1. EQUITY/ACCESS/CHOICE

Student Teacher Parent

	Student	i eacher	Parent
School programs	12B Access into current high school program 13-14 Special programs, Talent Search and Upward Bound 23B Vocational teacher practice	I-17 Has spoken to guidance counselor or another teacher about student's academic performance, behavior II-6 How many students in class are from minority racial/ethnic groups II-12 What percent of class time is spent on various types of instruction, discipline, administration, tests	30-32 Is teenager currently in school, for how long 33-34 Has teenager changed schools 35 Has teen ever been suspended, expelled from school 38 Why did teen stop attending school 40 School's reaction to teen's repeated absences 41 How satisfied with teen's education 42 Thoughts about teen's school climate, teaching and program 43-44 How often does school contact parents/ do parents contact school 45 Parental involvement in school and teen's courses 47 Parental influence in school functioning
Mathematics class	19-22 Mathematics teacher/class	Il-17 Feelings about explaining "whys" of mathematics	
Science class	15-18 Science teacher/class	Il-23-26 Description of science class facilities, equipment and its condition, availability of consumable supplies	
Transition from school to college/ work	50 Why not continue education right away 53-54 Who/what services at school helped in job search 64-65 Career expectations 91 Hourly pay rate	1-18 Written job recommendation for student 1-19 Discussed college programs and college and career choices with student	68-69 Has teen expressed interest in a particular career, what is it 70 What is best source of information for teen regarding that career 71-73 Teen's jobs held
Applying for colleges	44 Plans for taking college admissions, placement tests 45 Preparations for ACT/SAT 57 Help from school in applying for colleges 58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid 59-61 Choosing a school 62-63 Study fields desired/most likely to pursue	I-18 Written recommendation for student for postsecondary institution	62 Parent has encouraged teen to take action to prepare for college entrance exams 64 Has teen applied for college/vocational school 66 Factors important to parents in teen's choice of a school 67 Number of schools parent has visited with teen
Feaching staff characteristics	7 School climate and teacher interaction	IV-2 Race/ethnicity of teacher IV-3 Sex of teacher IV-4-15 Teacher's years teaching, certification, educational background, and subject areas of instruction	
Family, home, riends, community	67 Thoughts on own future 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 78 Who helps to take care of child 106 Attends religious services	I-6 Has spoken to student's parents about academic performance, behavior	11-17 Parents' occupations 20-21 Ethnic background

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Family Finances	58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid		6 How many people are financially dependent on parent 74-75 Total family income, number of wage earners 76-77 Current educational expenses, amount 78 Teen plans to continue education 79-82 Savings, plans to pay for teen's college education 83-87 Knowledge, applying for financial aid for teen's education 88 Teen applied for financial aid 89 Why hasn't teen applied for financial aid 90-92 Amounts expected to spend, borrow for teen's education
Language use	109 How well student understands, speaks, reads, and writes English 110 Since Fall 1989, has student received help in reading, writing, or speaking English; what type of help 111-113 Have English skills made it difficult to engage in school work/activities, jobs, applying for college, college work	I-9 Is student's native language English I-10 Is student limited English proficient	22-23 What is native language 25 Ability using English 26 Difficulties encountered because of lack of English 27-28 Is English, other languages spoken in home

Student Teacher **Parent** 6A Grade currently in 1-2-5 Student's motivation, behavior School 29 Last grade teenager completed 7 School climate and teacher interaction I-6-7 Has spoken to student's program 30-32 is teenager currently in 8 Safety in school parents about academic school, for how long performance, behavior, parental 12 Description of current high school 33-34 Has teenager changed involvement program schools 23B Vocational teacher practice I-8 Difficulty of class related to 35 Has teen ever been suspended, 24 How often comes to class unprepared student expelled from school 25 How much time spent on homework in 1-11 Does student perform below various subjects each week, in and out of school I-12 Does student always finish 26 Who tutored student (besides parents) homework 27-28 Have taken a minimum competency I-13-16 Student's attention, behavior or proficiency test, results in class 1-17 Has spoken to guidance 29 Have been recognized by school or counselor or another teacher about community student's academic performance, 31 Time spent on school sponsored behavior extracurricular activities per week II-3-4 Which "track" is class. 32 Time spent on non school related achievement levels reading per week II-5 Number of students in class 33 Frequency of participation in non school related activities II-7 Why teaching this class II-8-9 Amount of homework given daily, recording of who has completed it II-10-11 Amount of class/lab time weekly II-12 What percent of class time is spent on various types of instruction, discipline, administration, tests II-13 Media used in teaching III-1 Perceived control over planning and teaching III-2 Feelings about teacher efficacy and student achievement III-3 Importance of factors in setting grades for students III-4 Frequency of departmental meetings III-5-6 Characteristics, enforced policies of department and department chair III-7 Characteristics, enforced policies of school or school administrator III-8 Facilities like offices and lunch rooms that are available to teachers III-9 Amount of out-of-class time during school day spent with whom at school III-10-13 Which whom does teacher discuss various issues

III-14 Changes that occurred in

III-15-16 Comments on student behavior and policies at school

school

Student Teacher Parent

Attendance and absences	9 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems 10 Reasons for absences 11When/duration of last unexcused absence	F2 Is student motivated to get good grades F6 Discussed student's absenteeism with parents	35 Teen has been suspended or expelled 36 Teenager missed 10 or more school days 37 Teenager missed 21 or more school days 38 Reasons for teens absences 39 How parent responded to absence 40 How school responded to absence 43&44C Contact between school and parent about teen's attendance record
Mathematics class	19-22 Mathematics teacher/class	-14 Emphasis on different mathematical objectives -15 Topics taught or reviewed this year -16 Understanding student performance in mathematics -17 Approach to explaining "whys" of mathematics	
Science class	15-18 Science teacher/class	II-18 Emphasis on different science objectives 11-19-21 Topics taught or reviewed this year in science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics class II-23-26 Description of science class facilities, equipment and its condition, availability of consumable supplies	
Applying for college	42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education 43 Student's educational expectations 44-45 Plans for taking college admissions and placement tests, preparations for the SAT/ACT 47 Have enough skills now for career in five years 65 Education needed to get job planned to have when 30 years old	I-2 Student motivated to get good grades I-4 Students motivated to attend postsecondary institution I-19 Teacher discussed college with student	49 How often discusses school, personal and vocational topics with teenager
Teaching staff characteristics	7 School climate and teacher interaction	N-1-3 Sex, race/ethnicity, year of birth of teacher N-4-6 Years taught, years taught in this school, full-time/part-time status N-7-1 O Teaching certificates held, academic degrees and subject areas IV-11-12 Which subjects taught this year IV-13 Number of college courses taken in most taught subject IV-14 Satisfaction with teaching job IV-15 Started teaching a new subject or level this year IV-16 Received in-service education IV-17 Participated in activities for teachers this school year IV-18-21 Teacher enrichment programs IV-22 Missed days IV-23 How often did supervisor observe teaching	

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Peers, teen's activities	34-35 Time spent playing computer video games and watching television 40 Importance of several life goals/ideals 66 Self-esteem 68 Importance of peer group activities 70-71Student, friends belong to a gang 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 73 Marital status 74 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 78 Who helps to take care of child 80-85 Substance abuse	⊩3 Student relates well to others	48 Family decision making rules 50 Family social activities 57 Substance abuse and teenager
Home	93-95 Caring for younger children 96 Family related events 97 Do parents know student's friends' parents 98 Who makes decisions in family 99 How often discusses school, college, jobs, problems with parents 101 Run away from home 102-103 How many times moved, changed schools 105-106 Attends/practices religion	I-7 Has teacher discussed student's behavior or performance with parents	6 How many people are financially dependent on parent 7 Marital status 8-10 Who lives in household, number under/ over 18 years old 11-17 Parents' occupations 18 Changes in marital status 58 How many years lived at present address
Language use	107-108 Is English native language, usage of native language 109 How well student understands, speaks,reads, and writes English 110 Received help in English, what type, perceived value of help 111-113 Have English skills made it difficult to engage in school work/activities, jobs, applying for college, college work	I-9 Is English student's native language I-10 Is student's ability limited by English proficiency	22-23 What is native language 24-25 Ability using English 26 Difficulties encountered because of lack of English 27-28 Is English, other languages spoken in home

CONTENT CATEGORY: 3. TRACKING DYNAMICS

Student leacher Parent

School climate	24 How often comes to class unprepared 25 How much time spent on homework in various subjects each week, in and out of school 66 Self-esteem	I-8 Difficulty of class related to student I-17 Has spoken to guidance counselor or another teacher about student's academic performance, behavior	34 Reason teen changed schools 41 Satisfaction with teen's education 43-44 Interaction between school and parents 46 Parent's knowledge of teen's education
Mathematics class		II-14 Emphasis on different mathematical objectives II-15 Topics taught or reviewed this year II-16 Understanding student performance in mathematics	
Science class		Il-18 Emphasis on different science objectives Il-19-21 Topics taught or reviewed this year in science, Biology and Chemistry class	
School program	12 Description of current school program, access into program	II-3-4 Which "track" is class, achievement levels II-5 Number of students enrolled in class	13-17 Occupation of parent and spouse 34d,j Family moved for special school programs, courses 42 Parents perception of school policies and programs 43-44 Contact between parent and school about teen's education 46 Parent's familiarity with teen's school progress 61 Parental expectations of teen's educational advancement 63,65 Communication between parent & teen about postsecondary opportunities
Teaching staff characteristics		IV-4-5 Years taught, years taught in this school IV-11-12 Teacher's subject areas of instruction	
Transition from school to college/ work	41 What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school	I-4 Student motivated to pursue postsecondary education	45 Teen attended program about postsecondary opportunities 74 Family income
Applying for colleges	44 Plans for taking college admissions and placement tests 58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid for college 61 What type of school will most likely go on to	II-3 Which "track" is class II-4 Achievement levels of students in class	61 How far parent wants teen to go 62 Parent's preparation with teen for standardized tests 63 Discussions with teen about college 64 Has teen applied for college/ vocational school
Langu age use	107-108 Is English native language, usage of native language 110 Received help in English, perceived value of help	I-9 Is student's native language English I-10 Is student limited English proficient	22-28Parent/family language use

CONTENT CATEGORY: 4. DROPPING OUT

Student Teacher Parent

	Student	i eacher	Parent
School climate	7 School climate 8 Safety in school 17 Student engagement in science class 21 Student engagement in mathematics class 24-25 Preparation for class, completion of homework 29 Have been recognized by school or community for activities 30 Participation in school sponsored extracurricular activities	I-5 Does student talk to teacher outside of class about school work II-6 How many students are from minority racial/ethnic groups II-9 How homework is recorded III-13 Who at school has helped teacher improve teaching or solve a classroom problem	41-42 Feelings about aspects of teen's school
Time in and out of school	9 Frequency of cutting class and other disciplinary problems 10 Reasons for absences 11 When/duration of last unexcused absence	I-13-16 Student's absenteeism, tardiness, attention, behavior in class	35 Teen has been suspended or expelled 36 Teenager missed 10 or more school days 37 Teenager missed 21 or more school days 38 Reasons for teen's absences 39 How parent responded to absence 40 How school responded to absence 51 Family roles about school attendance
School program	13 Participation in special programs 27-28 Have taken a minimum competency or proficiency test, results	I-6 Teacher has discussed student's behavior and performance with parents III-12 Persons with whom teacher discussed student performance	29 Last grade teenager completed 30-32 Is teenager currently in school, for how long 33-34 Has teenager changed schools 35 Has teen ever been suspended, expelled from school 41 How satisfied with teen's high school education 43-44 How often does school contact parents/ do parents contact school 45-46 Parental involvement in school and teen's courses
Applying for colleges/ work	41 What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school 42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education 43 Student's educational expectations 86-91 Jobs held during school year 92 Spending of earnings	I-4 Does student seem motivated to pursue postsecondary education	61 Parental expectations of teen's educational advancement 63 Communication between parent and teen about postsecondary opportunities 71 Has teen worked for pay 72-73 Teen's jobs held
Feaching staff characteristics	7 School climate/ teacher interaction	III-2 Perceptions of the teacher's efficacy IV-14 Teacher Satisfaction IV-22 Days teacher missed school IV-23 Formal observations of teacher's class	

Student Teacher Parent

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Family/ home life/ friends	34-35 Time spent playing computer video games and watching television 40 Importance of several life goals/ideals 66 Self-esteem 68 Importance of peer group activities 70-71 Student, friends belong to a gang 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 73 Marital status 74 Importance of wedlock for sexual relationships 80-85 Substance abuse 78 Who helps to take care of child 93-95 Caring for younger children 96 Family related events 97 Do parents know student's friends' parents 98 Who makes decisions in family 99 How often discusses school, college, jobs, problems with parents 101 Run away from home 102-103 How many times moved, changed schools 105-106 Attends/practices religion	I-6 Teacher has discussed student's behavior and performance with parents III-1 Amount of teacher control in classroom III-15 Teacher's perception of school rules for student behavior III-16 Teacher's perceptions of problems with students at school	2-5 Teen's current living situation 7 Marital status 11-17 Parents' occupations 8-10 Who lives in household, number under/ over 18 years old 48 Family decision making rules 49 Interaction between parents about teen 50 Family social activities 57 Substance abuse and teenager 58-60 How many years lived at present address, how respondent feels about community 74 Total family income 76-77 Amount of current educational expenses
language use	110A Received help in English, what type, perceived value of help 111-113 Have English skills made it difficult to engage in school work/activities, jobs, applying for college, college work	I-9 Is student's native language English I-10 Is student limited English proficient	22-23 What is native language 25 Ability using English 26 Difficulties encountered because of lack of English 27-28 Is English, other languages spoken in home

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CONTENT CATEGORY: 5. TRANSITION PATTERNS

Student Teacher Parent

	Student		Parent
School programs	14 Participation in Upward Bound program	III-1,2,5 Perceptions of teacher efficacy III-6 Departmental support of teaching III-7 Perceptions of school policies	45-46 Parental involvement in school and teen's courses
Transition from school to college/ work	50 Why not continue with school right away 51-52 Have a job lined up for full-time work after leaving high school 53-54 Who/what services at school helped in job search 55 Expected hourly wage in first job after high school	III-1,2,5 Perceptions of teacher efficacy	68-69 Has teen expressed interest in a particular career, what is it 70 What is best source of information for teen regarding that career 71-73 Teen's jobs held 78 Teen plans to continue education
Family finances	58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid		74 Total family income 76-77 Current educational expenses, amount 79-82 Savings, plans to pay for teen's college education 83-87 Knowledge, applying for financial aid for teen's education 88 Teen applied for financial aid 89 Why hasn't teen applied for financial aid 90-91 Amounts expected to spend, borrow for teen's education
Family, home, friends	67 Thoughts on life chances 72 Ages will assume roles and activities 100 Perception of relationship with parents		49 How often discusses school, personal and vocational topics with teenager 50 How often participated in activities with teenager
Applying for college	58 Steps taken to learn about applying for financial aid 45 Preparations for the SAT/ACT 49,61 Plans to go straight on to school, type of school 57 Help from school in applying for colleges 59 Importance of different factors in choosing a school 46 Work/study plans for this summer 62-63 Study fields desired/most likely to pursue	I-18 Wrote recommendations for student for postsecondary education or jobs I-19 Has student discussed college or career choices with teacher	62 Parent has encouraged teen to take action to prepare for college entrance exams 64 Has teen applied for college/vocational school 65 How has parent helped teen make decisions about where to apply for college 66 Factors important to parents in teen's choice of a school 67 Number of schools parent has visited with teen

CONTENT CATEGORY: 6. SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS

	Student	Teacher	Parent
School climate	7 School climate, teacher interaction 8 Safety in school	II-6 How many students are from minority racial/ethnic groups III-1 Perceived control over planning and teaching III-2 Feelings about teacher efficacy and student achievement III-3 Importance of factors in setting grades for students. III-4 Frequency of departmental meetings III-5-6 Characteristics, enforced policies of department and department chair III-7 Characteristics, enforced policies of school or school administrator III-8 Facilities like offices and lunch rooms that are available to teachers III-9 Amount of out-of-class time during school day spent with whom at school III-10-13 With whom does teacher discuss various issues III-14 Changes that occurred in school III-15-16 Comments on student behavior and policies at school	42 Thoughts about teen's school climate, teaching and program 43-44 Contact between parents and school about teen's education 47 Parental influence in school functioning
Mathematics class	19-22 Mathematics teacher/class	II-7 Why teacher assigned to class II-14 Emphasis on different mathematical objectives II-15 Topics covered in mathematics class II-16 Understanding student performance in mathematics II-17 Approach to explaining "whys" of mathematics IV-1-3 Teacher's sex,race, and year of birth IV-4-15 Teacher's background and education IV-14,22 Teacher satisfaction and number of days missed	
Science class	15-18 Science teacher/class	Il-18 Emphasis on different science objectives 11-19-21 Topics taught or reviewed this year in science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics class Il-23-26 Description of science class facilities, equipment and its condition, availability of consumable supplies IV-1-3 Teacher's sex, race, and year of birth IV-4-15 Teacher's background and education IV-14,22 Teacher satisfaction and number of days missed	
School programs	14 Upward Bound 23B Vocational teacher practice 26 Who tutored student (besides parents) 27-28 Have taken a minimum competency or proficiency test, results	II-7 Why teaching this class II-8 Amount of homework given daily II-10-11 Amount of class/lab time weekly II-12 What percent of class time is spent on various types of instruction, discipline, administration, tests II-13 Media used in teaching IV-16-21 Teacher in-service and enrichment programs IV-23 Formal observation of teacher's class	41 How satisfied with teen's education 42 Parents perceptions of school's policies and programs 47 Parental influence on school policies and programs

Student	Teacher	Parent
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Transition from school to college/ work	41 What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school 43 Student's educational expectations 47 Have enough skills now for career in five years 53-54 Who/what services at school helped in job search	I-18 Teacher has written recommendations for college and work for student I-19 Teacher has discussed college and career choices with student	43-44 Interaction between school and parents 45 Parent's attendance at school programs about postsecondary opportunities for teen 56 Communication with parents of teen's friends 70 Sources of information about postsecondary opportunities 84 Who parents discussed postsecondary transition with
Applying for colleges	57 Help from school in applying for colleges	I-18 Teacher has written recommendations for college and work for student	45 Parent's attendance at school programs about postsecondary opportunities for teen 70 Sources of information for postsecondary decisions 84a Talked with high school counselor about financial aid
Teaching staff characteristics	7 School climate/teacher interaction	IV-4-6 Years taught, years taught in this school, full-time/part-time status IV-7-10 Teaching certificates held, academic degrees and subject areas IV-11-12 Which subjects taught this year IV-13 Number of college courses taken in most taught subject IV-14 Satisfaction with teaching job IV-15 Started teaching a new subject or level this year IV-16 Received in-service education IV-17 Participated in activities for teachers this school year IV-18-21 Teacher enrichment programs IV-22 Missed days IV-23 How often did supervisor observe teaching	
Family, home, friends	68 Importance of peer group activities	I-3 Student relates well to others	60 Safety of neighborhood

CONTENT CATEGORY: 7. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

	Student	Teacher	Parent
School, education	12B Access into current high school program 42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education	I-6 Spoken to student's parents about academic performance, behavior I-7 Parental involvement in student's performance 1-14 How often is student tardy III-11 Teacher discusses curriculum issues with parents at school	30 is teenager currently in school 35 Has teen ever been suspended, expelled from school 36-37 in last 2 years has teen missed 10+consecutive school days/21+ consecutive school days for reasons other than illness 38 in reference to teen's longest absence from school, why did teen stop attending 39 What actions did parents take for teen's absences 41How satisfied with teen's education 42 Thoughts about teen's school climate, teaching and program 43-44 How often does school contact parents/ parents contact school 45-46 Parental involvement in school and teen's courses 47 Parental influence in school functioning
Family, home	96 Family related events 97 Do parents know student's friends' parents 98 Who makes decisions in family 99 How often discusses school, college, jobs, problems with parents 100 Student's perception of relationship with parents 104 How old when left alone	I-7 Parental involvement in student's performance	2 How much of time does teenager live with respondent 3 Whom does teen live with when not with respondent 4-5 Does teen have another parent living outside of home 7 Marital status 8-10 Who lives in household, number under/over 18 years old 11-17 Parents' occupations 18 Changes in marital status 48 Who makes decisions in household on various independence issues 49 How often discusses school, personal and vocational topics with teenager 50 How often participated in activities with teenager 51Are there family rules about maintaining grades, doing homework, attending school 52 Importance of different values in a teenager 57 Substance abuse and teenager, teenager's friends

	Student	Teacher	Parent
Home, community relations	29 Have been recognized by school or community 36 Feelings about youth service programs 37-39 Have participated in volunteer/community service, why, through what organizations 97 Do parents know student's friends parents		2 How much of time does teenager live with respondent 3 Whom does teen live with when not with respondent 4-5 Does teen have another parent living outside of home 7 Marital status 8-10 Who lives in household, number under/over 18 years old 11-17 Parents' occupations 18 Changes in marital status 25 Ability using English 26 Difficulties encountered because of lack of English 53-54 Familiarity with teen's friends 55-56 How often does parent talk to parents of teen's schoolmates, friends 58-60 How many years lived at present address, how respondent feeis about community
Applying for colleges	41What do people think is most important for student to do right after high school 42 Parental, friend, teacher aspirations for student's education		61 Educational aspirations for teenager 62 Parent has encouraged teen to take action to prepare for college entrance exams 64 Has teen applied for college/vocational school 65 How has parent helped teen make decisions about where to apply for college 66 Factors important to parents in teen's choice of a school 67 Number of schools parent has visited with teen 78 Teen plans to continue education
Family finances			6 How many people are financially dependent on parent 74-75 Total family income, number of wage earners 76-77 Current educational expenses, amount 79-82 Savings, plans to pay for teen's college education 83-87 Knowledge, applying for financial aid for teen's education 88 Teen applied for financial education 89 Why hasn't teen applied for financial aid 90-92 Amounts expected to spend, borrow for teen's education