

## **STUDENT/FAMILY INTEREST INVENTORY**

### Items to Use in Creating a Student Interest Inventory

**Directions:** Below are several questions that can be used to learn more about students' interests. It is recommended that teachers choose 5-6 items from the list below that are most relevant for their students and their students' needs. Note that the items are arranged by different domains of interest: Teachers may select items pertaining to a single domain (e.g. school), or from multiple domains depending on preference. It is recommended to identify student interest in multiple areas. These questions can also be used during conferences with families to better include parent/guardian perspective of student interest.

#### **School and career**

1. What is your favorite class or activity in school and why?
2. What is your least favorite class or activity in school and why?
3. Which school subject is most challenging to you? Is the challenge positive or negative to you? What makes it challenging?
4. In which school subject do you feel like you learn the most? Why do you think this is?
5. What are some of the things you would like to learn this year?
6. Give an example of a classroom activity where you felt you really learned a lot. Why do you think that was?
7. What is something your teacher did last year that you liked?
8. Do you prefer to work alone, in small groups, or in large groups? Why?

#### **General interest**

1. Do you like to read? Why/why not?
2. Tell me about a favorite book or movie and why you liked it.
3. If you could learn more about any subject, what would it be? Why are you curious about this subject?
4. What are your favorite activities outside of school?
5. Who are some of your friends? What do you like to do with your friends?
6. What is one thing you are really good at?
7. Is there anything else you want me to know about you?

#### **Family specific**

1. What are your best hopes for your student this year?

2. Do you have any concerns about your student?
3. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your student?