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This is just so we don't send you another
survey in the mail this year.

2019 Survey of Graduates or Exiters of Connecticut High Schools

(Students who left high school in the 2017-2018 school year)

Your voice matters! The CT State Department of Education needs your input! Please complete this brief survey to help Connecticut improve outcomes for students. This survey asks questions about your post high school activities (school/training/work). Your former school will NOT know the names of the students who respond. We will combine your answers with the answers from your classmates to let your school know how well they prepared you for your future. Your school will use this as a way to grade themselves on how well they are preparing students for life after high school.

Please complete the survey by filling in the circle next to your answer. Please return your completed survey to us in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope.

Someone who knows you well can help you complete this survey. There is an instructional video that goes through each question in the survey, which can be found at <http://s.uconn.edu/psos>. To complete the survey online, go to _____.

1. How much do you agree with this: "I am satisfied with my life since leaving high school"

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Unsure
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2. Since leaving high school, have you enrolled in any type of school for at least one term (including a quarter, semester, inter-session, summer or online)?

- No. [Skip question 3; Go to question 4.]
- No, I enrolled but I did not complete one full term. [Skip question 3; Go to question 4.]
- Yes, part-time student (less than 12 credits per semester)



3. What type of school did you attend?

- 4-year college or university (for credit, non-credit, or remedial classes)
- 2-year community college (for credit, non-credit, or remedial classes)
- Vocational, Technical, or Trade School (less than a two-year program)
- Adult Education (e.g., GED, High School Completion Program)
- Postgraduate or College Prep Program
- Short-term education or job training program (e.g. Job Corps, Workforce Board Program)
- Other – Please specify: _____

**4. Since leaving high school, have you been employed for at least 3 months?
(it does not have to be in a row)**

- No, I have not been employed. **[Skip questions 5 & 6; Go to question 7.]**
- No. I have been employed, but for less than 3 months. **[Skip questions 5 & 6; Go to question 7.]**
- Yes, Part-time (less than an average of 20 hours per week)
- Yes, Part-time (average 20 - 34 hours per week)
- Yes, Full-time (average 35 hours or more, per week)

5. How much did you earn at your most recent job?

- Below minimum wage (less than \$10.10/hr.)
- Minimum wage (\$10.10/hr.)
- Above minimum wage (greater than \$10.10/hr.)

6. Please select the best description of your most recent job (check all that apply).

- For an employer (in a company with people with and without disabilities)
- In the military (e.g., Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard)
- Self-employed
- In your family's business (e.g., a farm, store, fishing, ranching, catering)
- In supported employment (paid work with wage support to the employer)
- In sheltered employment (where most workers have disabilities)

- Employed while in jail or prison
- Other – Please specify: _____

7. Have you used any of these agencies since leaving high school?

- Yes *(Please check all services that apply below)*
 - Board of Education/Services for the Blind (BESB)
 - Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
 - Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
 - Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (DMHAS)
 - Department of Labor One-Stop Centers (DOL)
 - Department of Public Health (DPH)
 - Department of Social Services (DSS)
 - Social Security Administration (SSA)
 - Services at my college or university for students with disabilities
 - Other: _____
- No; Services were not necessary
- No; Did not want to use any services
- No; Did not know any services were available

8. Are you taking part in any of the following?

- Adult day service programs
- Adult day vocational programs
- Independent living skills programs
- Volunteer work or community service
- None of the above
- Other: _____

9. What skills did your high school teach you? (Check all that apply)

- Social Skills (getting along with others)
- Self-Advocacy (ability to know what you need and ask for it)



- Independent Living Skills (running a household, using transportation, taking care of your health and hygiene, managing your money)
- Technology Skills (ability to use computers or other assistive tools)
- Time Management/Organizational Skills
- Money Management Skills
- Study Skills/Learning Strategies
- Work Experience
- None
- Other: _____

10. What part of your high school education was most helpful in getting you ready for life after you left high school?

11. What could your high school have done differently to prepare you for life after school?

12. Was there anything confusing or unclear about this survey?

**Thank you very much for completing this survey!
Please return in the enclosed, pre-paid reply envelope.**

