



Post-School Survey Student and Family Guide

Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS)

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What is the Post-School Survey?

In this presentation, you'll learn about the Post-School Survey and what to expect when you get a call after leaving school.

The Post School Survey...

- is a phone call from your former school district.
- gathers and reports information about what students are doing one year after leaving high school.

Why is this information important?

- It give schools an opportunity to reconnect with you and see how you are doing.
- It helps schools know how they can better prepare students for the future.

When and how will I be contacted?

- A former teacher, secretary, or other staff member will give you a call between June 1 and November 1.
- It will take about 15 minutes.

Post-School Survey Questions

Now we'll get into some details about the questions you will be asked during the Post-School Survey.

What kinds of questions will I be asked?

- Questions about work:
 - Are you working? If so, where? How long?
 - How many hours? How much do you get paid? Who do you work with?
- Questions about education and agency connections:
 - Are you going to school? If so, where? How long?
 - Have you contacted any agencies for support?

How do I answer the questions?

- Answer truthfully.
- Be as accurate as possible.
- Take your time.
- Ask for help if you don't understand.
- It's okay if you don't know or don't remember!
- You do not have to answer any questions you don't want to.



What if I don't understand the question?

- You may not understand some of the questions and that's okay.
- You can ask the interviewer to say the question again.
- You can ask them to say the question in a different way.
- Some ways you could ask for help:
 - Can you say that again?
 - What does that mean?
 - Can you give me an example?



What if the question doesn't fit my situation or I don't know the answer?

- It's okay if you don't know the answer or if the question does not fit with your experience.
- Ways you could respond:
 - Ask for more information to be sure you understand the question.
 - Tell the interviewer: “I don't know.”
 - Tell the interviewer why the question doesn't fit your situation.

What if I have not found a job or school program?

- Don't worry if you aren't working or attending school.
- The survey is meant to understand what you are doing, not to tell you what you should be doing!

Are my answers made public?

- No, your answers will not be made public and your name will not be used.
- The only people who will have access to your information are:
 - your former teachers,
 - administrators from your school district,
 - Center for Change in Transition Services staff.
- The public will only see the totals for the whole state, district, or school.

What if I don't want to answer the question?

- All questions are voluntary. That means you don't have to answer them if you don't want to.
- When you do answer the questions, it helps schools think of more ways to prepare students for the future.
- If you choose not to answer, you can say: "I don't want to answer that."

Can someone else answer the questions for me?

- Yes, if you are unable to answer the questions because you are unavailable or for any other reason, a family member or guardian can answer the questions for you.
- If someone else answers the questions for you, they should be someone who knows the details of your job, school, or other activities.
- You can share this information with your parents or guardian so that they can answer accurately.

What if I need accommodations?

If you need accommodations in order to answer survey questions over the phone:

- Make sure your school knows what accommodations you need. You can include it with your contact information or tell your teacher.
- Remind the interviewer or have a family member remind them when they call you for the survey.

How do I prepare for the survey?

- Provide your teacher with a reliable way to reach you next year (phone, email, text).
- Make sure you or someone in your family knows the following information:
 - The number of hours you work at your job or the last job you had.
 - How much you earn or earned per hour.
 - The name of your school or training program if you are enrolled in one.
 - The names of any agencies you have contacted after high school.

What is done with my information?

This section tells you what the information you provide will be used for.

Purpose of the Post School Survey

- The reason we do this survey is to give schools, districts, and the state of Washington an idea of what students are doing one year after leaving high school.
- The information is used by schools and districts to figure out how they can better prepare students for their next steps.

Your information...

- is kept confidential
- is summarized with all of the other past students into reports regarding work and school, including:
 - types of job/school
 - number of hours working or in school
 - contacts with agencies
 - demographics (e.g., gender, age, race/ethnicity, etc.)

Can I see the reports?

- A statewide post-school outcome report is published by the Center for Change in Transition Services every December.
 - Link: <https://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/post-school-outcomes/>
- School districts reports are also published in December. You can request them from your school district.

Contact Information

If you get a new phone number or there are other changes to your contact information, **be sure to inform your school** so that they can get in touch with you when it comes time for the survey!



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