

### C3. Commitment to School—Rochester Youth Development Study

These items measure youth's agreement about the importance of school work. Youth are asked to check the response that most closely reflects their beliefs.

How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. You like school a lot.	4	3	2	1
2. School is boring.	4	3	2	1
3. You do poorly at school.	4	3	2	1
4. You don't really belong at school.	4	3	2	1
5. Homework is a waste of time.	4	3	2	1
6. You try hard at school.	4	3	2	1
7. You usually finish your homework.	4	3	2	1
8. Getting good grades is very important to you.	4	3	2	1
9. Sometimes you do extra work to improve your grades.	4	3	2	1

10. If you could choose on your own between studying to get a good grade on a test or going out with your friends, would you:

- Definitely go out with friends     
  Probably go out with friends     
  Probably study     
  Definitely study

#### Scoring and Analysis

Point values for items 1-9 are assigned as indicated above. Point values for item 10 are assigned as follows:

Definitely go out with friends	=	1
Probably go out with friends	=	2
Probably study	=	3
Definitely study	=	4

Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 are reverse coded, then all values are summed and divided by the total number of items. Intended range is 1-4, with a higher score indicating greater commitment to school.