College Going Culture Survey for Middle Schools

The College Going Culture survey was adopted and modified from the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) conference. Its intent is to evaluate each GEAR UP school’s necessities to successfully implement a college awareness and readiness program. This survey is composed of 15 questions.

1. Are college pennants, banners, and posters visible in most classrooms, halls, and main office?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

2. Do all classrooms display a list of university requirements?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

3. Do classrooms contain a College Corner which consists of college information that informs students of colleges attended by previous students and staff members, degrees earned by teachers, etc.?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

4. Are there any banners or posters in classrooms with phrases such as "Training Grounds for Academic Scholars," “Training for University," "College Education is Important,” etc.?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

5. Are all students required to take notes to develop their own study guides from lectures, media, and textual materials that require reading comprehension, asking high level study questions, and summarizing information learned?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

6. Do classrooms display motivational posters that state character traits such as responsibility, respect, honesty, courage, success, referencing famous quotes, etc.?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

7. Do classrooms display learning logs, samples of good writing, note taking, and projects that serve as visual enforcements of achievement?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

8. Is the organization of student materials, assignments, and due dates regularly reviewed by subject area teachers?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

9. Do teachers generally believe that all students can achieve in higher academic level classes when the appropriate strategies and support structures are set in place?  
   - Yes ☐  
   - No ☐

10. Are middle school students provided with visits to college campuses?  
    - Yes ☐  
    - No ☐
11. Do college representatives regularly visit your campus to speak with staff and students?  
   Yes ☐  No ☑

12. Do family information nights relating to college and financial aid take place at least once a year?  
   Yes ☐  No ☑

13. Do teachers wear college shirts to school on special occasions?  
   Yes ☐  No ☑

14. Are academic and collegiate t-shirts available for purchase to the student body?  
   Yes ☐  No ☑

15. Is it the norm for students to form study groups during and after class to study for assignments, tests, projects, etc.?  
   Yes ☐  No ☑

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