

YOUTH VOICE CARDS

**To truly tune in to
youth voice, you need
to ask good questions.**



Great ideas for your new high school will come from many places, and one of the richest sources of insight is what young people tell us.

- + You'll want to speak with young people who represent the full range of students your school will serve.
- + You'll want to understand their true needs—and how you might inspire them to stretch their ambitions for themselves.
- + You'll want to spend time truly analyzing what you've heard.

Think about what you want to learn from the young people you'll meet. Look through these cards and choose a few questions to kick off your conversations, or come up with questions of your own.

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

What kind of future do you see for yourself?

Now, imagine that the possibilities are infinite. What other ambitions do you have for your future?

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

How do you want your life to be different from the lives of the people who have raised you?

**What could be better?
What might be worse?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

**What do you want
school to provide
to help you pursue
your dreams?**

**What is your school
doing for you today?
What is your school not
doing for you today?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

**Do you see yourself
going to college?**

**If so, how does going
to college align with
your ambitions? If not,
how well is high school
preparing you for the
career you want?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

What kind of job or career do you want to pursue?

Why does it interest you? What do you think you need to know—and be able to do—in order to get that career?

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

What does the American Dream mean to you?

**Is it attainable?
What do you need to achieve it? What stands in your way? How can high school help?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

**Who are the role models
you admire most?**

**What do you admire
about them? What did
it take for them to be
successful?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

**How do you define
success for yourself?**

**What would help you
achieve that success?**

**Where can you go to
find that help?**

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

Think of a question you would like to ask young people about their future.

Write your question here:

YOUR FUTURE

XQ

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Write your question here:

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

Tell me about something you're really interested in right now.

How might that topic, subject, or issue play a role in your future?

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

**What is something
you really care about?**

**Why does it matter
to you? How can you
keep learning more
about it?**

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

**If you had to choose
one thing to do for the
rest of your life, what
would it be?**

**Why does that energize
you? What will it take to
truly master it?**

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

What is something you would love to teach?

Why does it fascinate you? Why do other people need to learn about it?

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

What are you an expert at?

Where did you learn about it, and what did it take to become an expert? What did it feel like along the way to becoming an expert?

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

Finish the sentence:
"I feel alive when

_____."

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

Tell me about something you learned recently that you found truly interesting.

What did you learn?

What was so

fascinating about it?

What else do you want to learn about it?

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

**What do you wake up
thinking about every
morning?**

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

Think of a question you would like to ask young people about their passion.

Write your question here:

**YOUR
PASSION**

XQ

Think of a question you would like to ask young people about their passion.

Write your question here:

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



Tell me about a time in school when you felt really inspired to learn.

**What was that experience like?
How could teachers create more moments that inspire you to learn?**

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.

XQ

If you were a school principal, what is one thing you'd change?

How would that make high school better for students? What would you do to get your students excited about learning?

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



If you could add one class that would make you really excited to go to school, what would it be?

How would that class prepare you for the future?

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



**Get into your
imagination. Build
a dream school.**

**What would it be like
to go there? What
kind of future would
it prepare you for?**

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



**If you could build
a school that was
specifically designed
for how you learn,
what would it look like?
Sound like? Feel like?**

**Take me through a day
at that school...**

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



**What will getting a
high school diploma
do for you?**

**How will it set you
up for the next step
toward achieving
your dreams?**

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



How would your dream high school better prepare you for college or a career?

What do you think you need to be ready for college?

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



During what part of the day do you learn the most?

What does learning mean to you?

What does it mean to your family?

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



Think of a question you would like to ask young people about their dream school.

Write your question here:

YOUR DREAM SCHOOL.



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