

A Study of Youth's Peer Relationship and School Life

Dear Students:

We invite you to participate in a research study being conducted by investigators from The National Youth Policy Institute of Korea. The purpose of the study is to examine and compare the changing peer relationships among teenagers and their relationships with teachers from five different countries: South Korea, Japan, the United States, Germany, and Sweden..

If you agree to participate, we would like you to read the questions that deal with your relationship with your friends and your teachers and your attitudes about related matters. For each question, you are asked to choose appropriate answers that apply to you most closely.

While you are working on this questionnaire, we expect you to answer all the questions in order, without skipping any of the question items. Certain questions are for the ones who give particular answers to the previous questions; in that case, go to the designated questions according to the directions (Example: go to Q2). In the questions about your parents, you can answer about your guardian(s) if you don't have parents. Some questions ask you to check all the items that apply to you or to choose two answers depending upon your priority. In Other questions, you are asked to check one answer only. Therefore we suggest that you pay special attention to the number of the answers you are supposed to give.

It will take approximately 30 minutes to finish the whole questionnaire.

Your answers will be handled electronically and purely for statistical analysis. We will not collect your name or any identifying information about you, except your age and gender. It will not be possible for anyone to link you to your responses. Your anonymity is further assured by the fact that we will collect similar data from one hundred other student with the same age and gender as yours.

If you have questions about the rights of research subjects, please contact the Human Subjects Office, National Youth Policy Institute, 142 Umyoon-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul 137-140, South Korea, +82-2-2188-8836, or e-mail heram@nypi.re.kr

Thank you very much for your consideration of this research study.

SQ1 What is your gender? __ (1) Female __ (2) Male

SQ3 What grade are you in?

__ (1) 7th grade __ (2) 8th grade __ (3) 9th grade
 __ (4) 10th grade __ (5) 11th grade __ (6) 12th grade

___(1) Within the top 20% ___(4) Between the 61st and 80th percentile
___(2) Between the 21st and 40th percentile ___(5) Within the bottom 20%
___(3) Between the 41st and 60th percentile

SQ5 Who are you living with in your home right now? (Check all the choices that apply to you. Additionally, write the number of siblings and relatives, etc. that you have in total)

__ (1) Biological father
 __ (2) Biological mother
 __ (3) Stepfather
 __ (4) Stepmother
 __ (5) Grandfather (father's side)
 __ (6) Grandmother (father's side)
 __ (7) Grandfather (mother's side)
 __ (8) Grandmother (mother's side)
 __ (9) Brothers (how many? __)
 __ (10) Sisters (how many? __)
 __ (11) Relatives (how many? __)
 __ (12) Others (how many? __)

	No formal education	Complete elementary school	Complete middle school	Complete high school	Some college-level education	University-level education, with a degree	Graduate school or higher	I don't know
Father	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Mother	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

__ (1) Employer/Executive
 __ (2) Company employee (regular)
 __ (3) Government employee
 __ (4) Contract-based employee/Dispatched employee (non-regular)
 __ (5) Part-timer/Temporary worker
 __ (6) Self-employed/Professional/Telecommuter
 __ (7) Other
 __ (8) Student
 __ (9) Homemaker
 __ (10) Unemployed
 (11) I don't know

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SQ 7-1 Which of the following specifically indicate your father's occupation? Check one answer only.

- ☐ (1) Professional (doctor/lawyer/teacher/engineer/nurse/writer/designer)
- ☐ (2) Administrator
(managerial position from a section chief and upward/legislator)
- ☐ (3) Clerical (office worker/sales worker/bank teller/civil servant)
- ☐ (4) Sales/Employee in Service industry
(proprietor/shop clerk/salesman/beautician/cleaner/waiter/receptionist/janitor)
- ☐ (5) Technician/Laborer
(factory worker/mechanic/construction worker/vehicle operator)
- ☐ (6) Agriculture/Forestry/Fishery (landscaper/forester)
- ☐ (7) Other (indicate specifically:_____)
- ☐ (8) I don't know

SQ8 What is your mother's state of employment? Check only one choice that applies to you closest.
(If you are living with your stepmother, provide a response about your stepmother.)

- ☐ (1) Employer/Executive
- ☐ (2) Company employee (regular)
- ☐ (3) Government employee
- ☐ (4) Contract-based employee/Dispatched employee (non-regular)
- ☐ (5) Part-timer/Temporary worker
- ☐ (6) Self-employed/Professional/Telecommuter
- ☐ (7) Other
- ☐ (8) Student
- ☐ (9) Homemaker
- ☐ (10) Unemployed
- ☐ (11) I don't know

Those who check among (1)-(7) go to SQ8-1.

SQ 8-1 Which of the following specifically indicate your mother's occupation? Check one answer only.

- ☐ (1) Professional (doctor/lawyer/teacher/engineer/nurse/writer/designer)
- ☐ (2) Administrator
(managerial position from a section chief and upward/legislator)
- ☐ (3) Clerical (office worker/sales worker/bank teller/civil servant)
- ☐ (4) Sales/Employee in Service industry
(proprietor/shop clerk/saleswoman/beautician/cleaner/waitress/receptionist/janitor)
- ☐ (5) Technician/Laborer
(factory worker/mechanic/construction worker/vehicle operator)
- ☐ (6) Agriculture/Forestry/Fishery (landscaper/forester)
- ☐ (7) Other (indicate specifically:_____)
- ☐ (8) I don't know

SQ9 What is your family's standard of living? Check one answer only.

Lower class			Middle class			Upper class		Don't know well
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	

The following questions deal with your relationship with your friends. Check the choices that fit in with you.

Please answer about your close friends. You may choose up to four of your best friends A, B, C, and D. If you don't have a best friend, go to Q4.

Q1 Write down the names of A, B, C, and D so that you may not get confused while responding. Read the following carefully and answer all the items below about your best friends A-D.

	A()	B()	C()	D()
(1) What is the gender of this friend?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
(2) Check all the answers that apply to this friend.	<input type="checkbox"/> Same school <input type="checkbox"/> Same class <input type="checkbox"/> Same extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Same learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Same religion <input type="checkbox"/> The Internet(e.g. chatting, online games) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Same school <input type="checkbox"/> Same class <input type="checkbox"/> Same extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Same learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Same religion <input type="checkbox"/> The Internet(e.g. chatting, online games) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Same school <input type="checkbox"/> Same class <input type="checkbox"/> Same extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Same learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Same religion <input type="checkbox"/> The Internet(e.g. chatting, online games) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Same school <input type="checkbox"/> Same class <input type="checkbox"/> Same extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Same learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Same religion <input type="checkbox"/> The Internet(e.g. chatting, online games) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
(3) Check all the places where you spend time with this friend.	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Church, temple, or other place of worship <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Internet cafes <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke <input type="checkbox"/> Computer game rooms <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping malls <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Church, temple, or other place of worship <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Internet cafes <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke <input type="checkbox"/> Computer game rooms <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping malls <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Church, temple, or other place of worship <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Internet cafes <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke <input type="checkbox"/> Computer game rooms <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping malls <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Learning center <input type="checkbox"/> Church, temple, or other place of worship <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular club <input type="checkbox"/> Internet cafes <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke <input type="checkbox"/> Computer game rooms <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping malls <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries <input type="checkbox"/> Parks <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()
(4) Check all the topics which you discuss frequently with this friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades/future career path <input type="checkbox"/> Family life <input type="checkbox"/> School life <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies <input type="checkbox"/> Showbiz/ sports <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriends/ girlfriends <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades/future career path <input type="checkbox"/> Family life <input type="checkbox"/> School life <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies <input type="checkbox"/> Showbiz/ sports <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriends/ girlfriends <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades/future career path <input type="checkbox"/> Family life <input type="checkbox"/> School life <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies <input type="checkbox"/> Showbiz/ sports <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriends/ girlfriends <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Grades/future career path <input type="checkbox"/> Family life <input type="checkbox"/> School life <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies <input type="checkbox"/> Showbiz/ sports <input type="checkbox"/> Boyfriends/ girlfriends <input type="checkbox"/> Other ()

(5) How much time do you spend with this friend besides weekday classes (check one answer only).	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 hour
	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1-2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1-2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1-2 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1-2 hours
	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2-3 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2-3 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2-3 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2-3 hours
	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3-4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3-4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3-4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3-4 hours
	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 hours

Q2 Are A-D in Q1 friends to each other? Check the number that best fits their relationship.

	Don't know each other	Know each other	Are close to each other
A and B			
A and C			
A and D			
B and C			
B and D			
C and D			

Q3 What other close friends do you have other than A-D from Q1? Check the number. Be sure to give only one answer.

- ☐ (1) One
- ☐ (2) Two
- ☐ (3) Three
- ☐ (4) Four
- ☐ (5) Five
- ☐ (6) Six
- ☐ (7) Seven
- ☐ (8) Eight
- ☐ (9) Nine
- ☐ (10) Ten
- ☐ (11) Eleven
- ☐ (12) Twelve
- ☐ (13) Thirteen
- ☐ (14) Fourteen
- ☐ (15) Fifteen
- ☐ (16) More than fifteen

Q4 Do you have friends that you meet only on-line, for example, only through e-mail, text message, or chatting?

- ☐ (1) Yes (go to Q4-1)
- ☐ (2) No (go to Q5)

Q4-1 If you have friends meeting only on-line, how many are there? Check the number. Be sure to give only one answer to items 1-16.

- ☐ (1) One
- ☐ (2) Two
- ☐ (3) Three
- ☐ (4) Four
- ☐ (5) Five
- ☐ (6) Six

- ☐ (7) Seven
- ☐ (8) Eight
- ☐ (9) Nine
- ☐ (10) Ten
- ☐ (11) Eleven
- ☐ (12) Twelve
- ☐ (13) Thirteen
- ☐ (14) Fourteen
- ☐ (15) Fifteen
- ☐ (16) More than fifteen

Q5 Check all the characteristics of boys or girls who you believe are extremely popular or likely to be the objects of envy.

- ☐ (1) Good looks
- ☐ (2) Sophisticated sense of fashion
- ☐ (3) Good personality
- ☐ (4) Leadership
- ☐ (5) High academic standing
- ☐ (6) Playing enthusiastically
- ☐ (7) Good sense of humor
- ☐ (8) High academic achievement accompanied with playfulness
- ☐ (9) Spending lots of money
- ☐ (10) Wealth
- ☐ (11) Kindness/Caring
- ☐ (12) Other _____

Q6 Check all the characteristics of boys or girls who you believe are likely to be ostracized.

- ☐ (1) Plain looks
- ☐ (2) Poor sense of fashion
- ☐ (3) Bad personality
- ☐ (4) Wealth
- ☐ (5) Poverty
- ☐ (6) High academic standing
- ☐ (7) Low academic standing
- ☐ (8) Getting special notice from teachers
- ☐ (9) Arrogance
- ☐ (10) Lacking awareness of what is going on around
- ☐ (11) Selfishness
- ☐ (12) Other _____

Q7 How do you get along with your friends? Read the questions carefully and check the number that best fits you. Be sure to answer all the items 1-30 below.

Questions		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	I consult with my friends when I have concerns.				
(2)	I feel ashamed or foolish whenever I talk to my friends about my problems.				
(3)	I wish I could have different friends from the ones that I have now.				
(4)	I want to meet or get in touch with my friends more frequently.				
(5)	I think my friends are good people.				
(6)	I feel lonely even when I am with my friends.				
(7)	I could have better understanding of myself thanks to my relationships with friends.				
(8)	I often get angry because of my friends.				
(9)	I can count on my friends when I have concerns.				
(10)	I trust my friends.				
(11)	I discuss my concerns and problems with my friends without reserve.				
(12)	I hope to maintain my relationships with friends as long as possible.				
(13)	I feel happy when I am with my friends.				
(14)	I try to have the same opinions or feelings as my friends.				
(15)	I put lots of value on my relationship with friends.				
(16)	When I am angry for some reason, my friends try to understand me.				
(17)	My friends encourage me to discuss my difficulties with them..				
(18)	My friends are always concerned about my personal matters.				
(19)	My friends take me as I am.				
(20)	My friends recognize instantaneously when I feel hurt.				
(21)	My friends have no idea of how I am getting along.				
(22)	My friends respect my emotions.				
(23)	My friends tend to have little regard for my feelings when I am upset.				
(24)	My friends often show temper to me without reason.				
(25)	My friends take my opinions into consideration when they discuss things.				
(26)	My friends ask me first about my problems when I seem to have any.				
(27)	My friends listen to what I say.				
(28)	My friends understand me.				
(29)	Whatever you do, you should do it together with your friends if you are close enough.				
(30)	You should respect each other's individual ways even if you are close friends.				

The following questions deal with your relationship with your teachers.

Q8 Is there a teacher that you like or respect in the school you are attending now?

- (1) Yes (go to Q8-1) (2) No (go to Q9)

Q8-1 Check all the reasons that you like/respect the teacher.

The teacher

- __ (1) Understands students well
 __ (2) Is kind when teaching
 __ (3) Does his/her best when teaching
 __ (4) Has a good knowledge of the area he/she is teaching
 __ (5) Is humorous/His or her class is fun
 __ (6) Has good looks
 __ (7) Has a good personality
 __ (8) Other (_____)

Q9 Is there a teacher that you dislike in the school you are attending now?

- (1) Yes (go to Q9-1) (2) No (go to Q10)

Q9-1 Check all the reasons you dislike the teacher.

The teacher

- __ (1) Treats students with partiality
 __ (2) Pays little attention to students
 __ (3) Gets angry with students easily
 __ (4) Lacks humor –his/her class is dull
 __ (5) Has a poor knowledge of the area he/she is teaching
 __ (6) Is arrogant
 __ (7) Treat students stiffly
 __ (8) Other (_____)

Q10 The following questions deal with the teachers at the school you are currently attending. Read the questions carefully and check the number that is closest to your opinion.

Questions		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	I am comfortable speaking with my teachers.				
(2)	I say hello or wave to my teachers when I come across them on the street.				
(3)	I like/respect my teachers.				
(4)	Teachers are often viewed as if they were my good friends.				
(5)	I've got a few teachers with whom I can discuss anything heart to heart.				
(6)	I am grateful to the teachers at my school.				
(7)	The teachers at my school are so gentle and caring that I feel at ease having a close relationship with them.				
(8)	The teachers show caring and interest in me.				
(9)	I would like to follow my teacher's example.				
(10)	I often speak with the principal or the vice-principal.				
(11)	I've got a few teachers with whom I can consult my concerns.				

The following questions deal with your school life.

Q11 Read the following items 1-22 carefully and check the number that best fits your school life.

Questions		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	I get along well with everyone in my class.				
(2)	I apologize first when I make mistakes or do something wrong to my classmates.				
(3)	There are many classmates that understand me.				
(4)	I help my classmates when they are in trouble.				
(5)	I take part in the ostracizing of the classmates many others find unlikable.				
(6)	Although there are many students at school, I often feel lonely.				
(7)	I consult with my friends first when I have concerns.				
(8)	Learning and studying are interesting.				
(9)	I always do assignments and prepare lessons.				
(10)	I mostly understand what I learn in class.				
(11)	I preview and review what I learn.				
(12)	I hardly ever play or become lost in other thoughts during class.				
(13)	I am doing my best in all subjects.				
(14)	I believe classes to be the most important thing at school.				
(15)	I observe the school rules, for example, in the hallways or on staircases.				
(16)	I am careful when using school facilities.				
(17)	I wait in line in the bathroom or at the fountain.				
(18)	I always throw trash into the trash bin.				
(19)	I am interested in all kinds of school events and participate in them actively.				
(20)	I always take notice of new postings on the bulletin board of the school homepage, intramural broadcasting, or all kinds of notifications from school.				
(21)	I propose my ideas about school matters directly to teachers.				
(22)	I propose my ideas about school matters through the student government.				

The following questions are about yourself.

Q12 Read the items on the left column carefully. Check one answer for each item that applies to you.

Questions		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	I feel that I am a good person.				
(2)	I feel that I am a capable person.				
(3)	I feel that I am a valuable person.				
(4)	I feel useless at times.				
(5)	I feel that I am a bad person at times.				
(6)	I feel that I am a loser at times.				

Q13 The following items are the questions about yourself. Read the items on the left column carefully and check one answer for each item that applies to you.

		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	I trust myself and take responsibilities for my decisions.				
(2)	I believe I can handle my problems on my own.				
(3)	I feel that I am in charge of my life.				

Q14 The following items deal with your daily life. Check the number that is closest to your opinion.

		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	It is all right to use a cell phone in class or in public places such as a train or a bus.				
(2)	It is all right to throw trash or cigarettes onto the street.				
(3)	It is all right to cheat on examinations.				
(4)	It is all right to interfere in another person's personal life if I am interested in it.				
(5)	It is all right to put on makeup on a train or in a restaurant.				

Q15 The following items are about your daily life. Check the number that closest to your opinion.

		Strongly disagree	Slightly disagree	Slightly agree	Strongly agree
(1)	Family life in my home is harmonious.				
(2)	I respect my parents.				
(3)	I let my parents know where I am when I am away from home.				
(4)	My family members discuss their problems and concerns with each other.				
(5)	Part-time work or other experience outside of school is as important as studying.				
(6)	I always act while bearing my future career path in mind.				

Q16 What is the highest level of education you wish to attain? Check one answer only.

- __ (1) Middle school/Junior high
- __ (2) High school
- __ (3) Community or Junior college
- __ (4) University
- __ (5) Graduate school or higher

Q17 Do you wish to study abroad to attain the level of education you answered in Q16?

- __ (1) Yes
- __ (2) No

Q18 Check all kinds of study support, or out-of-school hours learning you are currently taking.

- ☐ (1) Classes at a learning center
☐ (2) Private lessons
☐ (3) E-learning or Online education
☐ (4) Other ()

Q19 How many hours do you spend on studying out of school including a learning center or private lessons per day?

- (1) On weekdays (when there are classes at school) _____ hours _____ minutes
 (2) On Saturdays (when there is no class) _____ hours _____ minutes
 (3) On Sundays and public holidays _____ hours _____ minutes

Q20 In the past year, have you felt that you wanted to stop attending school? Check one answer only.

- ☐ (1) Always ☐ (2) Often ☐ (3) Hardly ☐ (4) Never

Q21 In the past year, have you had to stop attending school due to some problems **other than** financial/health problems? Check one answer only.

- ☐ (1) Never ☐ (2) For one week ☐ (3) For two weeks
☐ (4) For three weeks ☐ (5) More than four weeks

Q22 The following items deal with your relationships with your parents. Check the number that best fits you. (If you are living with your stepparents, provide the response about your stepparents.)

	Father				Mother			
	Strongly Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Strongly Agree
(1) Listens to my concerns and problems.								
(2) I discuss my grades with him/her.								
(3) I tell him/her about my friends.								
(4) Knows about my close friends.								

Q23 How much are you satisfied with the items (1)-(5)? Check the answer that applies to you.

	Very dissatisfied	Rather dissatisfied	Rather satisfied	Very satisfied
(1) School life				
(2) Relationships with friends				
(3) Relationships with teachers				
(4) Family life				
(5) Life at large				

Thank you for your time in filling out this questionnaire!