

Scale Description

This scale assesses High School motivation and contains 7 sub-scales assessing Intrinsic motivation towards knowledge, accomplishments and stimulation, as well as external, introjected and identified regulation, and amotivation. It contains 28 items assessed on a 5-point scale.

References

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ACADEMIC MOTIVATION SCALE (AMS-HS 28)

HIGH SCHOOL VERSION

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WHY DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL ?

Using the scale below, indicate to what extent each of the following items presently corresponds to one of the reasons why you go to school.

Does not correspond at all	Corresponds a little		Corresponds moderately		Corresponds a lot		Corresponds exactly	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

WHY DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL ?

1. Because I need at least a high-school degree in order to find a high-paying job later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. Because I experience pleasure and satisfaction while learning new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. Because I think that a high-school education will help me better prepare for the career I have chosen.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. Because I really like going to school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. Honestly, I don't know; I really feel that I am wasting my time in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. For the pleasure I experience while surpassing myself in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. To prove to myself that I am capable of completing my high-school degree.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8. In order to obtain a more prestigious job later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9. For the pleasure I experience when I discover new things never seen before.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10. Because eventually it will enable me to enter the job market in a field that I like.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11. Because for me, school is fun.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12. I once had good reasons for going to school; however, now I wonder whether I should continue.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13. For the pleasure that I experience while I am surpassing myself in one of my personal accomplishments.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14. Because of the fact that when I succeed in school I feel important.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15. Because I want to have "the good life" later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16. For the pleasure that I experience in broadening my knowledge about subjects which appeal to me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17. Because this will help me make a better choice regarding my career orientation.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18. For the pleasure that I experience when I am taken by discussions with interesting teachers.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19. I can't see why I go to school and frankly, I couldn't care less.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20. For the satisfaction I feel when I am in the process of accomplishing difficult academic activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21. To show myself that I am an intelligent person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22. In order to have a better salary later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23. Because my studies allow me to continue to learn about many things that interest me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24. Because I believe that my high school education will improve my competence as a worker.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25. For the "high" feeling that I experience while reading about various interesting subjects.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26. I don't know; I can't understand what I am doing in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27. Because high school allows me to experience a personal satisfaction in my quest for excellence in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28. Because I want to show myself that I can succeed in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

KEY FOR AMS HS-28

- # 2, 9, 16, 23 Intrinsic motivation - to know**
 - # 6, 13, 20, 27 Intrinsic motivation - toward accomplishment**
 - # 4, 11, 18, 25 Intrinsic motivation - to experience stimulation**
 - # 3, 10, 17, 24 Extrinsic motivation - identified**
 - # 7, 14, 21, 28 Extrinsic motivation - introjected**
 - # 1, 8, 15, 22 Extrinsic motivation - external regulation**
 - # 5, 12, 19, 26 Amotivation**
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Note: To use this scale you require only to mention the complete reference data.

Thank you for your interest.

Good luck in your research.