Ethics Survey

One point will be given for each question answered.

Circle “agree” or “disagree” to show your feelings about statements 1-16.

1. It's important for me to be a person with good character.	Agree	Disagree
2. Most adults in my life consistently set a good example of ethics and character.	Agree	Disagree
3. My parents/guardians always want me to do the ethically right thing, no matter what the cost.	Agree	Disagree
4. Being a good person is more important than being rich.	Agree	Disagree
5. When it comes to doing what is right, I am better than most people I know.	Agree	Disagree
6. In personal relationships, trust and honesty are essential.	Agree	Disagree
7. In business and the workplace, trust and honesty are essential.	Agree	Disagree
8. In the real world, successful people do what they have to do to win, even if others consider it cheating.	Agree	Disagree
9. A person has to lie or cheat sometimes in order to succeed.	Agree	Disagree
10. I sometimes lie to save money.	Agree	Disagree
11. People who are willing to lie, cheat, or break the rules are more likely to succeed than people who are not.	Agree	Disagree
12. My parents/guardians would rather I cheat than get bad grades.	Agree	Disagree
13. It's important to me that people trust me.	Agree	Disagree
14. It's not worth it to lie or cheat because it hurts your character.	Agree	Disagree
15. In sports, if you're not cheating, you're not trying hard enough.	Agree	Disagree
16. People should play by the rules even if it means they lose.	Agree	Disagree

Questions 17-25 How many times have you done this in the past year?

17. Lied to a parent about something significant?	Never	1	2 or more
18. Lied to a teacher about something significant?	Never	1	2 or more
19. Copied an Internet document for a classroom assignment?	Never	1	2 or more
20. Cheated during a test at school?	Never	1	2 or more
21. Copied another's homework?	Never	1	2 or more
22. Stole something from parents or relatives?	Never	1	2 or more
23. Stole something from a friend?	Never	1	2 or more
24. Stole something from a store?	Never	1	2 or more
25. Done things in violation of my religious beliefs?	Never	1	2 or more

26. If people you know were asked to list the most ethical people they know, how many would put you on their list?

None almost none half almost all All of them

27. How many questions on this survey did you answer with complete honesty?

None almost none half almost all All of them

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