

Purpose: This script provides a guide for AmeriCorps members to use when administering the pre assessment to 8th grade students. **Following the script helps ensure that students complete their unique self-generated code accurately so that their pre and post assessment responses can be matched.** It also helps students understand the value of the assessments.

Note: In total, the pre assessment should take about 20 minutes to administer.

PRE ASSESSMENT SCRIPT:

- Today we are all going to answer a few questions to see what we already know about college and careers. This is not graded, but please do your best and do not share or discuss your answers with other students. If you do not know an answer, just make your best guess.
- Please use a pen or pencil not highlighters or colored pencils.
- Please completely fill in the bubble and write legibly.
- The responses you provide will be anonymous so you should not write your name on the answer sheet.
- But we need to match what you say today to what you say later in the school year. So, we will create a special code for each one of you by answering a few questions about ourselves.
- I will distribute the survey now. Please wait for my instructions and do not start until I ask you.

Distribute the Pre Assessment now.

- We will complete the first 5 questions together. Is everyone ready? For each question you should fill only one circle.
- Q1. "What is the first initial of your official first name?" Please fill the circle with the first letter, just the first letter, of your first name. *(Pause and let students fill in the bubble.)* Let's move on to the next question.
- Q2. "What is the first initial of your mother's official first name?" Please fill the circle with the first letter, just the first letter, of your mother's first name. If you have more than one mother, please use the name of your birth mother. If you do not know your mother's first name, please fill in X. *(Pause and let students fill in the bubble.)* Let's move on to the next question.
- Q3. "What is the first initial of your father's official first name?" Please fill the circle with the first letter, just the first letter, of your father's first name. If you have more than one father, please use the name of your biological father. If you do not know your father's first name, please fill in X. *(Pause and let students fill in the bubble.)* Let's move on to the next question.
- Q4. What is the month of your birthday? Please fill the circle with the correct month of birth. *(Pause and let students fill in the bubble.)* Let's move on to the next question.
- Q5. What is the day of your birthday? Please fill the circle with the correct date of birth. *(Pause and let students fill in the bubble.)* Let's move on to the next question.

Please look over these questions. Count the bubbles you have filled. If it is not equal to five then please look at all your questions to see if you have skipped a question or filled more than one circle for a question. *(Pause and let students check.)*

- Ok, you will now answer a few questions on your own on what you already know about college and careers. Remember that this is not graded but I ask that you do your best and do not share or discuss your answers with other students. If you do not know an answer, just make your best guess.
- For each question, you should only fill in one bubble.

(Walk around. If the students have trouble understanding a question, you may clarify it if doing so does not give the answer away.)