AIR Self-Determination Scale®

STUDENT FORM

Student's Name	Date
School Name	Your Grade
Your Date of Birth	

HOW TO FILL OUT THIS FORM

Please answer these questions about how you go about getting what you want or need. This may occur at school, or after school, or it could be related to your friends, your family, or a job or hobby you have.

This is not a Test.

There are no right or wrong answers. The questions will help you learn about what you do well and where you may need help.

Goal

You may not be sure what some of the words in the questions mean. For example, the word **goal** is used a lot. A **goal is something you want to get or achieve**, either now or next week or in the distant future, like when you are an adult. You can have many different kinds of goals. You could have a goal that has to do with school (like getting a good grade on a test or graduating from high school). You could have a goal of saving money to buy something (a new iPod® or new sneakers), or doing better in sports (getting on the basketball team). Each person's goals are different because each person has different things that they want or need or that they are good at.

Plan

Another word that is used in some of the questions is **plan**. A **plan is the way** you decide to meet your goal, or the steps you need to take in order to get what you want or need. Like goals, you can have many different kinds of plans. An example of a plan to meet the goal of getting on the basketball team would be: to get better by shooting more baskets at home after school, to play basketball with friends on the weekend, to listen to the coach when the team practices, and to watch the pros play basketball on TV.

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HOW TO MARK YOUR ANSWERS

EXAMPLE QUESTION:

I check for errors after completing a project.

EXAMPLE ANSWER:

Circle the number of the answer which tells what you are most like: (Circle **ONLY ONE** number).

- 1 Never.....student never checks for errors.
- 2 Almost Never.....student almost never checks for errors.
- 3 Sometimes......student sometimes checks for errors.
- 4 Almost Always.....student almost always checks for errors.
- 5 Always.....student always checks for errors.

REMEMBER

There are NO right or wrong answers.

This will not affect your child's grade. So please think about each question carefully before you circle your answer.

THINGS I DO

1. I know what I need, what I like, and what I'm good at.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
	1	2	3	4	5	
2. I set goals to get what I want or need. I think about what I am	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
good at when I do this.	1	2	3	4	5	
	l .	Things I Do -	– Total Items 1 -	+ 2		
3. I figure out how to meet my goals. I make plans and decide what I should do.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
	1	2	3	4	5	
4. I begin working on my plans to meet my goals as soon as	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
possible.	1	2	3	4	5	
	Things I Do – Total Items 3 + 4					
5. I check how I'm doing when I'm working on my plan. If I need	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
to, I ask others what they think of how I'm doing.	1	2	3	4	5	
6. If my plan doesn't work, I try another one to meet my goals.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always	
	1	2	3	4	5	
	Things I Do – Total Items 5 + 6					

HOW I FEEL

I feel good about what I like, what I want, and what I need to	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
do.	1	2	3	4	5
I believe that I can set goals to get what I want.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
	I	How I F	eel – Total Items	s 1 + 2	
3. I like to make plans to meet my goals.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
4. I like to begin working on my plans right away.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
	IL	How I F	eel – Total Items	s 3 + 4	
5. I like to check on how well I'm doing in meeting my goals.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
6. I am willing to try another way if it helps me to meet my goals.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
How I Feel – Total Items 5 + 6					

WHAT HAPPENS AT SCHOOL

People at school listen to me when I talk about what I want, what I need, or what	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
I'm good at.	1	2	3	4	5
2. People at school let me know that I can set my own goals to get what I want or need.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
	W	hat Happens a	t School – Total	Items 1 + 2	
3. At school, I have learned how to make plans to meet my goals and to feel good	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
about them.	1	2	3	4	5
4. People at school encourage me to start working on my plans right away.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
	W	hat Happens a	t School – Total	Items 3 + 4	
5. I have someone at school who can tell me if I am meeting my goals.	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
	1	2	3	4	5
6. People at school understand when I have to	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
change my plan to meet my goals. They offer advice and encourage me when I'm doing this.	1	2	3	4	5
What Happens at School – Total Items 5 + 6				Items 5 + 6	

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WHAT HAPPENS AT HOME

		Almost		Almost	
1. People at home listen to me when I talk	Never	Never	Sometimes	Always	Always
about what I want, what I need, or what I'm good at.			_	_	_
	1	2	3	4	5
2. People at home let me know that I can set	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
my own goals to get what I want or need.					,
	1	2	3	4	5
	W	hat Happens a	t Home – Total I	tems 1 + 2	
	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost	A levene
3. At home, I have learned how to make plans to meet my goals and to feel good about	Never	Never	Sometimes	Always	Always
them.	1	2	3	4	5
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		Almost		Almost	
4. People at home encourage me to start	Never	Never	Sometimes	Always	Always
working on my plans right away.					
	1	2	3	4	5
	W		t Home – Total I		
5. I have someone at home who can tell me if I	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Almost Always	Always
am meeting my goals.			~		
	1	2	3	4	5
		Almost		Almost	
6. People at home understand when I have to	Never	Never	Sometimes	Always	Always
change my plan to meet my goals. They offer advice and encourage me when I'm					
doing this.	1	2	3	4	5
What Happens at Home – Total Items 5 + 6				tems $5 + 6$	

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PLEASE WRITE YOUR ANWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUEST	ΓΙΟΝS
Give an example of a goal you are working on.	
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What are you doing to reach this goal?	
How well are you doing in reaching this goal?	
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THANK YOU!

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