

School Teams Empathy Interview Questions 2020-2021

Remember to ask the question and **LISTEN**. Empathy interviews are not intended as advising spaces or as an interrogation. **AFTER** 10-15 minutes of **listening** you are welcome to have further conversation with the student.

Use the follow up prompts like these to go deeper, if needed:

- Why?
- Tell me more
- How did you feel?

SEPTEMBER

- Tell me how one day looked like during distance learning last spring
 - If needed:
 - What was the high point?
 - What was the low-point?
 - What worked or didn't work?
- Tell me about someone you have a stronger relationship with now than you did before COVID

OCTOBER

- Tell me about your experience so far THIS year with online school
 - If needed:
 - What is the high point?
 - What is the low-point?
 - What has worked or hasn't worked?
- Tell me your story, so far, about living in this pandemic

NOVEMBER

- Tell me about a time this year when you felt good about being a (grade level)
- What's the best/worst part of thinking about college?

DECEMBER

- Tell me about a time this year when you were thinking about college
- What or who has supported you to move towards this? What has gotten in the way?

JANUARY

- Tell me about your experience so far this year with online school
 - If needed:
 - What is the high point?
 - What is the low-point?

■ What has worked or hasn't worked?

- Tell me about your experience with advisory so far this year.

AND/OR

- Tell me about a time you learned something helpful about college this year.

FEBRUARY (please complete this one before March 4th, 2021 workshop)

- Tell me about your thoughts about next school year (college or being a Senior/Junior/Sophomore)
- What is the best/worst part of thinking about it?

MARCH

- Tell me about a time you connected with a teacher or counselor this year during remote learning
- Tell me about a time an adult has talked to you about your future

APRIL

- What communication methods with school staff have been working best and the worst during virtual learning?
- Tell me about a resource that has helped you get through this year of virtual learning

MAY

- What are you excited about next year (being a college student or being a Senior/Junior/Sophomore)?
- What are you worried about next year (being a college student or being a Senior/Junior/Sophomore)?