



# **East Chicago, Indiana Youth Survey 2015**

**Developed by the Greenhouse Fellowship**

## Teacher Instructions and Script

### Teacher Instructions:

First, please pass out the surveys to the students face down along with a blank sheet of paper. Once they are passed out, read the “student instructions” (see below). We ask that you do not define any words for the students.

Once you have finished reading survey directions, have the students flip over the papers and begin the survey. They will have the entire class period to complete the survey. Once each student has completed his or her survey have him or her bring the survey to you. When students are done with the survey you would collect them and the fellows would then collect them from the teacher at the end of the school day.

### Student Instructions:

Good morning class! Today you will be taking a survey, where your ideas and opinions can potentially change East Chicago forever. It is very important that you honestly answer each question.

Each section has a different set of directions, please read them carefully. If you come across a word that you are unfamiliar with, please circle the word on the survey and place the word on the blank sheet of paper.

Please DO NOT ask me to define or explain these words.

Once you have completed this survey you can look up the words you placed on your paper in order to familiarize yourself with new ideas and concepts.

You’ll have the entire class period to complete the survey. Once you have completed it, please hand in your survey and remain quiet until everyone has finished his or her survey.

## East Chicago Student Survey 2015

Good morning class!

Today you will be taking a survey, where your ideas and opinions can potentially change East Chicago forever. It is very important that you honestly answer each questions.

Each section has a different set of directions, please read it carefully. Please DO NOT ask the teacher or your classmates to define or explain any words. If you come across a word that you are not familiar with, please circle the word.

You've been given a blank sheet of paper, which you can use to write down the words you have circled. Once you have completed this survey you can use the blank sheet to look the words you circled in order to familiarize yourself with new ideas and concepts.

You'll have the entire class period to complete the survey. Once you have completed it please hand in your survey and remain quiet until everyone has finished his or her survey.

**PART 1**

**Directions: Read each question thoroughly. Answer accordingly.**

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your expected year of graduation? (Example 2014-2015) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What language are you most comfortable speaking at home? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you feel comfortable speaking this language outside of home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read each question thoroughly. Circle the ONE answer that applies**

5. What is your gender?  
Male   Female   Other
6. What is your race/ethnicity? (Circle all that apply)  
White/Caucasian   African American/Black   Hispanic/Latino  
Asian   Native American   Other \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you live in East Chicago, Indiana?  
Yes or No  
  
If so what neighborhood?  

<input type="checkbox"/> Calumet	<input type="checkbox"/> West Calumet	<input type="checkbox"/> East Calumet (Honkytown)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Gutherie	<input type="checkbox"/> Marktown
<input type="checkbox"/> New Edition	<input type="checkbox"/> North Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Park
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Luke	<input type="checkbox"/> South Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Side
<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Square		
8. How many people live in your household?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4+
9. Are you employed?  
Yes   No
10. If you are employed, is it in East Chicago?  
Yes   No

**Part 2**

**Directions: Read each question thoroughly. Circle the ONE answer that you feel strongest about.**

1. I believe \_\_\_\_\_ cause(s) conflict in school.

- a. Clothes
- b. Popularity
- c. Relationships
- d. Neighborhoods

2. I believe \_\_\_\_\_ cause(s) conflict in East Chicago.

- a. Neighborhoods
- b. Gender
- c. Race/ ethnicity
- d. Authority

3. Have you had a negative experience dealing with...?

- a. School
- b. Justice/Law
- c. Church
- d. Drugs/Alcohol
- e. Violence
- f. None

4. Do you feel like school is preparing you for life after high school?

- a. Yes
- b. No

5. My teachers respect my culture.

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. Which place have you visited the most in the past 12 months?

- a. Library
- b. Centers
- c. Boys and Girls Club
- d. Parks

7. Do you feel pressured to go to college?

- a. Yes
- b. No

8. Is college accessible to you?

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. Are young people looked down upon because of how they dress?

- a. Yes
- b. No

10. Do you feel like school treats everyone equally?

- a. Yes
- b. No

11. \_\_\_\_\_ would be one place I would pick to be in East Chicago?

- a. A skate park
- b. A soccer field
- c. An ice skating rink
- d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Should all students have the same opportunities to take the same classes (Ex. Honors Classes)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

### **Part 3**

**Directions: Read each question thoroughly. Circle the ONE (true or false) answer that applies to you.**

1. I can define democracy.

- a. True
- b. False

2. College is necessary for success.

- a. True
- b. False

3. I want to go to college.

- a. True
- b. False

4. I think East Chicago treats people of all **ages** equally.

- a. True
- b. False

5. I think East Chicago treats people of all **colors** equally.

- a. True
- b. False

6. I think East Chicago treats people of all **genders** equally.

- a. True
- b. False

7. I think East Chicago treats people of all **sexual orientations** equally.

- a. True
- b. False

8. I think the classes I am taking now are helping me in life.

- a. True
- b. False

9. I feel the authoritative figures in school abuse their power.

- a. True
- b. False

10. I am comfortable traveling outside of my neighborhood. (Ex: Traveling from Dark Side to Calumet)

- a. True
- b. False

11. I believe that problems in East Chicago can be solved over time.

- a. Yes
- b. No

12. I would care more about my city if my opinions/ thoughts had an impact on what happens here

- a. True
- b. False

13. I have experienced social injustice first hand

- a. True
- b. False

**Part 4**

**Directions: Read each question thoroughly. Fill in the blank with the answer according to what you think.**

34. If you could create one elective class in school it would be \_\_\_\_\_

35. **Who** makes you feel safe? \_\_\_\_\_

36. **Where** do you feel the safest? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 5**

**Directions: Using the list below choose 10 challenges you feel YOUTH in East Chicago face now. Then rank them on a scale of 1 to 10 in the space provided (1 being the most challenging). If you don't know a word please CIRCLE it.**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ Teen Pregnancy          | ___ Alcohol Abuse            | ___ Homicide                   |
| ___ Police Brutality        | ___ Outsourcing of Jobs      | ___ Medical Health             |
| ___ Homophobia              | ___ Environmental Pollution  | ___ No Housing                 |
| ___ Parents Too Busy        | ___ Transportation Issues    | ___ Not Prepared for College   |
| ___ Adults Do Not Care      | ___ Miseducation             | ___ Lack of Respect for Elders |
| ___ Negativity Towards Life | ___ Bullying                 | ___ Lack of Youth Programs     |
| ___ High Taxes And Fees     | ___ Extreme Party Habits     | ___ Poverty and Tough Time     |
| ___ Deportation             | ___ People from Other Cities |                                |
| ___ Other: _____            |                              |                                |

**Directions: Using the list below choose 10 challenges you feel the city of East Chicago faces. Rank them on a scale of 1 to 10 in the space provided (1 being the most challenging). If you don't know a word please CIRCLE it.**

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ Teen Pregnancy          | ___ Alcohol Abuse            | ___ Homicide                   |
| ___ Police Brutality        | ___ Outsourcing of Jobs      | ___ Medical Health             |
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| ___ High Taxes And Fees     | ___ Extreme Party Habits     | ___ Poverty and Tough Time     |
| ___ Deportation             | ___ People from Other Cities |                                |
| ___ Other: _____            |                              |                                |



**Directions: Using the list below choose 10 activities you would like to see in East Chicago . Rank them on a scale of 1 to 10 in the space provided (One being the thing you want to see the most). If you don't know a word please **CIRCLE** it.**

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|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball        | <input type="checkbox"/> Football        | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis            | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Making  | <input type="checkbox"/> App Development   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Recording | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater         | <input type="checkbox"/> Band       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetology       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion         | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking       | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Track/Field   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming      | <input type="checkbox"/> Raising           | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock       | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling    |  |  |                                     |

**Directions: Using the list below choose 10 things you would like to see in East Chicago . Rank them on a scale of 1 to 10 in the space provided (One being the thing you want to see the most). If you don't know a word please **CIRCLE** it.**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Theater                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Store                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Arcade          | <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Studio        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Alley                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Venue   | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Gallery             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History Museum                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoe Store      | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Library          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film Studio                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Labs | <input type="checkbox"/> Wax Museum              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Sports Facility           |  | <input type="checkbox"/> A Place to Break Things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian/Gluten Free Dining    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Free Swimming Pool      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Place for teens to Talk Honestly |  | <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt Design Store    |



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