

Choosing Schools

Note: in this section, there were sometimes different questions for respondents from areas of different majority population group. The format for the section E.42a-E.64 below is not what was on the original instrument, but has been reformatted to correspond with the final data. Any instructions inserted here that are not on the original instrument appear in italics.

Choosing Schools (African and Coloured areas)

INTERVIEWER: Ask everyone E.42 to E.58.

INTERVIEWER READ OUT: In this area, young people go to several different high schools. For each of the following schools, can you tell me whether you think it is a good school or a bad school. Sometimes people don't know how good each school is; if you don't know, please say that you don't know.

Choosing Schools (White Areas)

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Ask E.42-55

Yes

No

INTERVIEWER: See the box on the right to see if you need to ask E.42 to E.55.

INTERVIEWER READ OUT: Last time we interviewed you, you told us that you were attending or had attended

E.42a

We want to know how you think that school compares to other schools in the same area. For each of the following schools, can you tell me whether you think it is a good school or a bad school. Sometimes people don't know how good each school is; if you don't know, please say that you don't know.

For the section below E.42-E.55, the same questions were asked for respondents in all areas.

		excellent	good	OK	bad	Very bad	Don't know
E.42							
E.43	How good is this school?						
E.44							
E.45	How good is this school?						
E.46							
E.47	How good is this school?						
E.48							
E.49	How good is this school?						
E.50							
E.51	How good is this school?						
E.52							
E.53	How good is this school?						

E.54.1	Do/did you attend a secondary school not included in this list above?	Yes	1	GO TO E.54.2
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	<u>Interviewer:</u> this does NOT include higher education institutions.	No	2	E.56			
E.54.2	Name of school						
		Excellent	Good	OK	Bad	Very bad	Don't know
E.55	How good is this school?						

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E.56	Which of the schools listed on the previous page is the best school? (including the school you attend/attended)	Name of school	
		Don't know	9
E.56b	Why do you say that this is the best school? Do not read out options. Only one answer allowed.	Good results in matric	1
		Good discipline	2
		Nice uniform / students wear uniform	3
		Good teachers	5
		It is safe / in a safe area	11
		Other (specify)	13
		Don't know	99
E.57	Which of the schools listed on the previous page is the worst school? (including the school you attend/attended)	Name of school	
		Don't know	9
E.57b	Why do you say that this is the worst school? Do not read out options. Only one answer allowed.	Bad results in matric	1
		Bad or no discipline	2
		Nasty uniform / students do not wear uniform	3
		Bad teachers	5
		It is unsafe or dangerous / in an unsafe area	11
		Other (specify)	13
		Don't know	99
E.58	What is the best school within walking distance of your home?	Name of school	
		There is no school within walking distance of my home	8
		Don't know	9

Interviewer: E.59 to E.64 are only for respondents who are in school now; do not ask respondents who are in post-matric education.

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E.59	Are you attending your current school because you could not attend another school you would have preferred?	Yes	1	
		No	2	
		Don't know	9	
E.60	Who chose the school you are currently attending? Only one answer	I chose it	1	
		My parents chose it	2	
		My parents and I chose it together	3	
		Other (specify)	4	
		I don't know	9	
E.61	What was the most important reason why you or your parents chose this school? Do not read out options Only one answer	Good results in matric	1	
		Good discipline	2	
		Uniform	3	
		Near to home / easy to get to	4	
		Good teachers	5	
		Low fees / can afford it	6	
		We knew the principal or teachers	7	
		We knew other children or my brother or sister who went there	8	
		It offered a special course that I wanted to study	10	
		It is safe / in a safe area	11	
		I attended the feeder primary school	12	
		Other (specify)	13	
	Don't know	99		
E.62a	The school you are attending now, is it in an African or white or coloured area?	In an African area	1	E.63
		In a coloured area	2	E.64
		In a white area	3	
		Other (specify)	4	
E.62b	The school you are attending now, is it in a government school or a private school?	Government or 'semi-private' school	1	E.63
		Private school	2	E.64
		Other (specify)	4	E.65
E.63a	AFRICAN RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending schools in African areas. What is the most important reason why you do not go to a school in a white or coloured area? Do not read options. Only one answer	My grades were not good enough	1	E.65
		Money / costs too much	2	
		Too far away	3	
		Don't want to	4	
		I want to go to school with my friends/ with people who live in my area / with African people	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	

E.63b	<p>COLOURED RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending schools in coloured areas.</p> <p>What is the most important reason why you do not go to a school in a white area?</p> <p>Do not read options. Only one answer</p>	My grades were not good enough	1	E.65
		Money / costs too much	2	
		Too far away	3	
		Don't want to	4	
		I want to go to school with my friends/ with people who live in my area / with African people	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	
E.63c	<p>WHITE RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending government schools.</p> <p>What is the most important reason why you do not go to a private school?</p> <p>Do not read options. Only one answer</p>	My grades were not good enough	1	E.65
		Money / costs too much	2	
		Too far away	3	
		Don't want to	4	
		I want to go to school with my friends/ with people who live in my area / with African people	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	
E.64a	<p>AFRICAN RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending a school in coloured or white areas.</p> <p>Why do you not go to school in an African area?</p> <p>Do not read options. Only one answer</p>	Those schools are not good	1	
		There is no discipline at those schools	2	
		Those schools get bad results in matric	3	
		The teachers are not good.	4	
		Not safe	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	
E.64b	<p>COLOURED RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending a school in a white area.</p> <p>Why do you not go to school in a 'coloured' area?</p> <p>Do not read options. Only one answer</p>	Those schools are not good	1	
		There is no discipline at those schools	2	
		Those schools get bad results in matric	3	
		The teachers are not good.	4	
		Not safe	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	
E.64c	<p>WHITE RESPONDENTS ONLY: Only for students attending private schools.</p> <p>Why do you not go to a government school?</p> <p>Do not read options. Only one answer</p>	Those schools are not good	1	
		There is no discipline at those schools	2	
		Those schools get bad results in matric	3	
		The teachers are not good.	4	
		Not safe	5	
		Other (specify)	6	
		Don't know	9	

