Questions for Interest Surveys

Questions related to general education:

- What is your favorite class? Why?
- What is your least favorite class? Why?
- What class do you find to be the easiest? Why?
- What class do you find to be the most difficult? Why?
- What class do you find to be the most interesting? Why?
- What is a subject you are curious about or would like to learn more about?
- When you encounter a challenge at school, how do you address it?
- What is one aspect of school you find to be challenging?
- What is one aspect of school you find to be rewarding?
- What is one aspect of school you find to be easy?
- What characteristics have your favorite teachers all shared?
- What can a teacher do to ensure that you remain engaged during class?
- What is an activity or assignment from a previous class that you found to be interesting or meaningful? Why?
- What is an activity or assignment from a previous class that you thought you did a good job on? Why?
- What careers seem interesting to you?
- What careers do you think you would be successful in?

Class-specific questions:

- What do you expect to learn in this class?
- What is an area related to this class that you are excited to learn about?
- What do you think you already know about this subject or this unit?
- Why do you think the content in this class is important?
- How do you think this subject relates to your own life?
- What have you previously learned that you think may contribute to your understanding of the content in this class?

Questions related to extracurricular activities:

- When you are not at school, how do you spend your time?
- What is a hobby of yours? Why do you enjoy it?
- Do you belong to any clubs? If so, which ones?
- Do you belong to any sports teams? If so, which ones?
- Do you have a part-time job? If so, what is it, and how often do you work?
- What are things that you are responsible for out of school? How do these responsibilities make you feel?

Questions related to personal background:

- List the members of your immediate family and briefly describe each individual.
- Who would you consider your friends?
- How would you describe yourself?
- How would your friends describe you?
- How would your previous teachers describe you?
- What is your favorite book? Why?
- What is your favorite movie? Why?
- What is your favorite television show? Why?
- What is your favorite sports team? Why?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why?
- If you had the chance to have a conversation with anyone (dead or alive), who would it be, and why?
- If you had one wish, how would you use it?
- If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?
- What is something you think you are good at?
- What is something that you want to get better at?
- What is your favorite type of music, or who is your favorite musical artist? Why?
- What is your favorite food?
- Explain a time you felt proud of your accomplishments.
- Explain a time when hard work has paid off.
- Do you consider yourself introverted or extroverted? (Note: a teacher may need to explain the difference between introversion and extroversion to students before including this item on an interest survey.)
- What is something you consider yourself very knowledgeable about?
- What is an interest that you have that is not related to school?