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The School Opinion Survey was originally developed by John K. Tuel and the senior author of this publication. A general outline of its development and a description of its characteristics have been published elsewhere (Tuel and Shaw, 1967). The purpose of this monograph is to present additional information, which it was not possible to present in the shorter article, that the more technically inclined reader will find to be of value. In addition, more data has been analyzed since the appearance of the original journal publication which adds to further understanding of the instrument.

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## Chapter 1

Introduction

In February, 1963, the Interprofessional Research Commission on Pupil Personnel Services extended invitations to a large number of colleges and universities in the United States to apply for designation as research centers to be recognized and financed by the Commission. A committee representing the Commission subsequently selected four centers from those which applied. Each of the centers had submitted proposals independently, and each center embarked upon research quite divergent from that of the others. The single element of similarity among the four centers lay in the fact that the central research problem involved the general area of pupil personnel services.

The proposal of the Western Regional Center, located originally at the University of California, Los Angeles, but now at Chico State College in Chico, California, involved development of a model for the rendering of pupil personnel services, particularly those services which are considered to be within the province of the behaviorally oriented pupil personnel specialties, such as counseling, school psychology and school social work. This model is delineated in greater detail in other places (Shaw and Tuel, 1964) (Shaw and Tuel, 1966). Actual research to conduct at least a partial empirical test of the model was actively begun in the Fall of 1963. The first year was primarily utilized in planning and in site development. In addition, the initial steps in the development of the School Opinion Survey were undertaken. These initial steps followed serious attempts to utilize other, already existing, models and instruments relevant to the concept
of educational environment. Only when it had teen demonstrated that existing ideas and materials would not suffice were steps taken to develop a new model and a new measuring device. In the Fall of 1964 data collection relevant to the purposes of the Western Regional Center was begun. By this time, extensive data on significant educational role groups had been collected with Form A of the School Opinion Survey, and the revised Form B came into use. Form C has since been created and is now in the process of further testing.

The Guidance Model
In order to understand the purpose and need for the School Opinion Survey, it is necessazy to briefly delineate the major aspects of the guidance model tested by the Western Regional Center. It was assumed that public education has at least three general purposes. .The first of these purposes is the transmittal of knowledge and skills. A second purpose is that of preparing the learner to actively and effectively appropriate new knowledge and skills. The third assumed purpose is that the school should enable the learner to effectively apply his knowledge and skills to problem solving or to new learning situations. Thus, the school is seen as responsible not only for being the dispenser of knowledge, but also for crearing the conditions under which knowledge and skills can be effectively learned and for enabling the learner to make effective use of his knowledge. More succinctly stated, it was assumed that the overall responsibility of public education was to provide a situation in which the skills and knowledges deemed important to learn can indeed be adequately learned in such a way that the student can put his learning to use. It is easy to see
that given these assumptions, the concept of the "educational environment" or tile ":learning environment" takes on profound importance.

It is further assumed that the class room teacher has the primary responsibility for transmittal of knowledge and skills and that the pupil personnel specialist has the primary responsibility for helping to create a situation in which each child can learn most effectively and, further, can learn to utilize his learning most effectively. While these roles are not seen as exclusive to either the teacher or the personnel worker, they are viewed as primary to eacl! of these groups.

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if the pupil personnel specialist is to have the responsibility delineated above, it is necessary for him to have devices available which will enable him to evaluate the outcomes of his work. Examination of the current literature on the evaluation of guidance programs proves quite instructive. This literature demonstrates clearly that the major problem in the evaluation of personnel programs is the fact that most such programs either do not have clearly defined objectives to begin with, or that they have objectives which are incapable of evaluation. This has been commented on by others, most clearly perhaps by Hill (1963).

In addition to thi:s insurmountable handicap, such evaluations nearly always make use of either ready-made devices not relevant to a particular situation or of naive homemade devices of questionable reliability and validity. Construction of the School Opinion Survey was carried out in order to avoid these pitfalls.

Interest in the concept of educational environment is not new.

Much has appeared in the literature, and a part of this literature will be reviewed in a subsequent chapter. The necessity for the construction of a new instrument for the particular purposes of the present research became apparent on two counts. The first is that most existing instruments are not based on any specified model of the educational environment. The second is that such instruments are usually designed for use with only a limited segment of the total number of significant educational role groups. For example, the Organizational Climate Description Questionnaire conceived and develined by Halpin and Croft (1963) can be used only with administrators and teachers. The inipact of other significant role groups, such as children or parents, on the learning environment cannot be assessed with this device. The same is true of other assessment techniques developed by those interested in the educational environment. Thus, the lack of an adequate theoretical structure relevant to the present research and the lack of already existing devices capable of use with a wide range of educational role gioups mandated the construction of a new instrument.

Preliminary Steps in the Development of the School Opinion Survey
It was necessary that the new instrument should reflect not only the salient characteristics of the learning environment, but also should be capable of reflecting changes in a given environment which might come about as a result of the intervention of pupil personnel specialists. It was hoped at the outset that the literature on already existing "schools" of philosophy would be helpful in the construction of items, and a variety of the various philosophies of education was examined. Because of the complex and confused state of affairs which this
study revealed, no attempt was made to construct items reflecting particular educational philosophies, rather an aitempt was made to include items which would reflect both a wide spectrum of attitudes with respect to educational matters and also a wide range of behaviors with respect to educational practice. Thus, appropriate statistical treatment of data would permit the "schools" to be derived empirically rather than requiring prior judgments about whether a given response to certain items reflected one scheol of philosophical thought or another.

As already indicated, one class of items reflected definite attitudinal kinds of responses. Included within the broad definition of attitude are beliefs about the purposes and objectives of education and questions on personal values as they relate to education. The behaviorally oriented items reflect behaviors associated primarily with the school, for example, with respect to homework, the practice of classroom testing or the provision of special classes of one kind or another. No assumptions about a causal relationship between attitude and behavior were made, although a reciprocal relaticisinip was assumed. It was our belief that factor analysis would result in constellations of attitudinal and behavioral items in the same clusters and, further, it was assumed that the factors thus derived would constitute the description of a particular "school" of thought. It will be seen subsequently that the former assumption was not borne out, although the latter was, at least in a limited way.

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## Chapter 2

Rationale for the School Opinion Survey

Within the past twenty years it has become abundantly clear that the relationship between academic aptitude and school performance is far from perfect. As this development has occurred, educators and behavioral scientists have turned their attention to the quest for the other variables which influence the school performance of children. As this search has matured, the concept of the "educational environment" or the "learning environment" has gained more and more prominence. The earliest systematic studies of the learning environment date from approximately 1945 when H. H. Anderson and his associates began their studies of the effects of teacher behavior on the behavior of children in their classes. These studies were concerned primarily with the differential effects of "dominative" and "integrative" behavior of teachers on children. (Anderson and Brewer, 1945) (Anderson and Brewer, 1946) (Anderson and Reed, 1946) This approach was preceded by the now historic work of Lewin, Lippitt and White (1943) which utilized an experimental approach to determine the effect of different social structures on child behavior. These investigators. were able to demonstrate significant behavior differences among groups exposed to leader behavior defined as democratic, authoritarian and laissez-faire.

Research developments in the general area of "learning environment" followed rapidly after this time. Withall (19/.7) developed a means for assessing the social-emotional climate of t $\}$ classrcom. Cogan (1953) utilized a paper and pencil device to assess the relationship between
teacher behavior and pupil productivity. His findings supported those of Anderson relative to the existence of dominative and integrative patterns of teacher behavior.

Some of the most extended and important work in this area has been carried out by Flanders, who has completed a series of studies of teacher influence on pupil attitudes, both in the United States and in New Zealand. It is impossible to do justice to Flanders' work in the present context. Briefly, however, he has demonstrated that a sustained dominative pattern of teacher behavior produced anxiety, reduced the ability of students to recall material previously studied and was consciously disliked (1951). He has also developed a system for analyzing class room interaction and through a sophisticated series of experiments utilizing this technique, has demonstrated that students learn moze from flexible teachers who influence the class indirectly than from less flexible teachers who maintain direct control regardless of the personality characteristics of the student or of the subject matter being taught.

A somewhat different approach was taken by Gordon, Adler and McNetl (1963). These investigators explored the relationship between certain dimensions of teacher leadership and their effects on pupils. They were able to demonstrate interrelationships among three dimensions of teacher behavior, including the task dimension, the authority dimension and the expressive dimension and certain aspects of student behavior, including productivity, pupil morale, pupil compliance, amount of volunteer work and class room order.

Still a different approach was taken by Halpin and Croft (1963),
who studied the nature of the relationship between the attitudes and behaviors of school administrators on the one hand, and the attitudes and behaviors of their teaching faculty on the other. In this important study the emphasis was on interrelationships between administrators and teachers, with the effects on pupils generally ignored. The study did reveal the feasibility of differentiating among different schools in terms of a generalized climate, and further indicated that the school administrator was the significant figure in determining what the character of this climate would be. The significance of parents and children in determining the school behavior and performance of children has been generally neglected except from the introspective point of view.

## A Different Approach

This brief review of research indicates clearly that serious, sophisticated and significant work has been done on the general topic of what, for want of a better label, might be termed the educational environment. Certain kinds of interrelationships between the behavior of authority figures (in this case, teachers) and children have been clearly demonstrated. It has also been clearly demonstrated that generalized "climates" can be described.

All of these studies, however, have ore characteristic in common: they fail to take into account the fact that any student or any teacher is not only a product of more than one "environment" but may, in fact, be operating in more than one environment at the same time. Thus, a student may find himself in a classr oom where a teacher is demanding a certain kind of academic performance and at the same time
be in a peer culture which does not value the kind of performance demanded by the teacher (Coleman, 1961).

The picture is further complicated if the psychological environment of the home from which the student comes makes still a third set of differing demands on the child. Previous studies have investigated the interaction between students and teachers and between administrators and teachers. No attempt has as yet been made to assess the climate created by all of the significant educational role groups to whose authority the child is subjected.

Purpose of the School Opinion Survey
The purpose of developing the School Opinion Survey was to construct a device which could be used with all significant educational role groups, including parents, teachers, administrators, pupil personnel specialists and students. An additional purpose was to develop an instrument which would reflect the significant parameters of the educational environment. It was assumed that it would be more appropriate to derive these parameters empirically rather than on a priori basis.

For purposes of instrument development, the educational environment was considered to be that part of the total environment which directly influences a student's academic learning. It is considered to be comprised primarily of the attitudes and behaviors of the significant persons in the student's environment. Physical aspects of the environment, such as the school plant, the dwelling in which the child resides or educational materials available are recognized as constituting a part of the environment, but are considered to be of secondary importance. It is the human beings in the child's environment who are
assumed to be of the greatest significance in influencing their learning behavior.

The role groups central to the child's phenomenal field are considered of most importance in determining the extent to which the child is able to learn and to utilize his learning. The specific educational role groups considered to be most important in the final determination of the nature of a given environment are parents, teachers, peers, administrators and pupil personnel specialists. This is not to say that the events which take place outside of these groups are unimportant, but only to indicate that they are generally of less importance to his learning environment. Thus, a school board might conceivably mandate a particular reading program for a particular district, but the extent to which board recommendation is implemented in the classroom will depend upon the attitudes and behaviors of educational role groups which operate in closer psychological contact with the children of that district.

Several assumptions underlie this attempt to define and assess the educational enviroument. The first, obviously, is that it is possible to measure and describe the important dimensions of this environment. Some support is lent to this assumption by the findings of Halpin and Croft. The second assumption is that certain attitudes and behaviors on the part of those comprising the child's educational enyironment (including other children) play an important part in determining the extent to which any individual child learns and is able to utilize his learning. A further assumption is that different role groups in the same environment may display different attitudes contri-
buting to the existence of an essenti. lly conflicted environment for the child. It is also assumed that identical role groups, for example, teachers, at different places or at different academic levels may display different attitudes and behaviors. Finally, it is assumed that the influence exerted by significant groups on the individuals who comprise them is transmitted through both attitudes and behaviors.

The difficulty of distinguishing clearly between "attitudes" on the one hand and "behavior" on the other has already been mentioned. It would be simpler to regard the attitude-behavior difference as a . continuum rather than as a dichotomy. This particular continuum moves from the abstract or covert on the one hand to the concrete or overt on the other. Another way of looking at the continuum is to regard behavior as the outward manifestation of attitudes and values. Thus, at one end of the continuum are the values which presumably determine the goals of the individual or system. The goals or objectives are themselves in turn the determinants of the means or behaviors used to achieve the goals which have been endorsed, and which are found at the opposite end of the continuum.

As previously suggested, it appeared desirable to operate from a distinct and speci fiable frame of reference. Therefore, initial efforts were directed to an examination of existing models with respect to their potential for application to the aims of the Guidance Research Project. A variety of such ready-made models were examined, but none proved to have the necessary range and flexibility which seemed necessary in the present instance. Even some models not specifically designated as applicable to the school learning situation were investigated.

For example, Riesman's inner-directed, other-directed dichotomy, together with the self-actualizing dimension added by Shostrom, was examined as a possibility (Riesman, 1953) (Shostrom, 1964). However, this system did not seem broad enough for present purposes and, further, the terms have not been empirically defined. In addition, a causal relationship appeared to be assumed between attitude and behavior(with behaiior considered a direct resultant of attitude) which present investigators were unwilling to make.

Another approach taken prior to the development of the present School Opinion Survey was that of appropriating currently existing schools of phtlosophical thought, such as prigressivism or experimentalism, and attempting to construct items reflecting these parifcular points of view. A search of the literature revealed, however, that essential differences among the .adherents of each point of view were so great that it would probably be impossible to obtain agreement with respect to whether or not any given item did, in fact reflect a particular "school." In addition, data reflecting the extent to whicih the basic postulants of any particular school of thought were empirically verifiable simply did not exist. Therefore, this approach had to be discarded.

A Model of the Learning Environment
Figure 1 suggests the two major hypothesized dimensions of the School Opinion Survey and serves to illustrate the hypothetical model upon which it is based. The vertical axis represents the abstract at one end and the concrete at the other. Stated in different terms, it represents different levels of behavior from the more passive and less

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Hypothesized Structure of the Educational Enviroment

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(Pragmatic)
(may use didactic
method)
Objectives
Techniques

observable at one extreme, to the more active and more easily observable at the other. The continum is assumed to move from educational value systems (which may not have been consciously arrived at) to educational objecitives. The next step toward concretization involves the educational techniques which are endorsed to achieve certain objectives. The final step can be observed in the overt behavior of an individual. While a causal relationship is not being assumed, it was anticipated that strong associative relationships would, and from a logical point of view should, exist among values, objectives and behaviors.

The specific characteristics of any classroom, school or school system are probably influenced most by five subcultures. These include children, parents, teachers, administrators and pupil personnel specialists. While it is possible to argue that other groups are also important, for example, the school board and the general public, it is assumed for present purposes that such groups are either too distant from the actual school situation to have much effect upon children, or are represented in one of the four subcultures delineated above.

It is, of course, possible to reduce each of these five educational role groups still further. For example, the teacher couid be differentiated by the level at which he is working, by sex or by subject matter area. Similar differentiations could be made for each of the other groups when appropriate. In some cases it is actually possible to divide ont of these significant role groups by profession. In the case of administrators, for example, building principals can logically be dffferentiated from supervisors. In the area of pupil personnel
services, a wide variety of similar professional distınctions can be made.

It was the belief at the outset that it would probably be simpler for most individuals to specify the educational techniques which they endorse and the values they deemed aost important than it would be to specify the goals which the means were intended to reach or which were encompassed by cheir values. It was assumed that most individuals probably make a direct transition from values to means, with the objectives or goals essentially being ignored.

The horizontal axis of Figure 1 represents a continum from flexibility to rigidity, or from openness to new experience to closed mindedness. Although only three points on the scale are described, it should be understood that a continuum is assumed to exist. Individuals who appear toward the leit end of the horizontal axis are characterized by a value system which emphasizes creativity and self-actualization. The emphasis here is on the individual and the ability of the individual to free himself from "facts." Such persons may use the scientific method or they may not in their approach to the solution of problems. A personalistic philosophy is probably most characteris tic of these individuals.

Individuals appearing toward the center of the distribution emphasize the responsibility of the individual to society. They also emphasize being independent, the ability to utilize knowledge (but not necessarily in original ways) and the ability to organize facts in relationship to one another. They are quite likely to depend rather exclusively on the scientific method or on some retrospective form
of the scientific method as used in the non-scientific disciplines. They are more likely to be characterized by a pragmatic philosophy.

Individuals appearing toward the right hand side of the horizontal axis emphasi - , nformity for the sake of conformity. In the field of education they emphasize the learning of facts. These facts are of ten in isolation and not related to other events. Such persons tend to be dogmatic in their approach and to be skeptical of the capability of others, particularly younger persons, to direct their own behavior adequately. Emphasis in teaching is on doing what you are told. There is a tendency to be closed to new experiences and to use primarily the didactic method of teaching.

Each of the five sub-cultures which has a direct impact on the school environment can be studied from the frame of reference provided by this model. Thus, it should be possible to determine where teachers, children or any other of the groups in a given school situation will fall on this matrix. The extent to which the data supported this hypothetical model will be examined in the following chapters.

Practical Applications of the School Opinion Survey
The circumstances surrounding the need for development of the School Opinion Survey have already been delineated. In addition to , attempting to define the major parameters of the educational environment as it is perceived by all. significant education role groups, it was intended to be used as a measure of change following the provision of certain guidance services on an experimental basis. The instrument would appear to have utility beyond this, however; each of tise major sub-cultures having a direct impact on the school environment can be

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studied from the frame of reference provided by the School Opinion Survey. Certain hypotheses of real significance suggest themselves. The first is, the greater the degree of congruence among significant role groups in a given situation, the more effectively will the endorsed goals in that system be achieved. It can also be hypothesized that when the major educational role groups fall at the right hand end of the continuum, little provision wil! be made for individual differences, there will be a higher ratio of learning difficulties, students will find it more difficult to make future use of present learning and students will not be encouraged to utilize present learning in productive and original ways.

It can be further hypothesized that when disagreement between teachers and ther significant role groups is high, there will be more serious problems of teacher morale and a higher incidence of teacher turnover, teacher absenteeism and student behavior problems in the classroom. When there is strong lack of agreement between the student sub-group and other educational role groups, it can be hypothesized that there will be a higher incidence of student problems, including tardiness, absenteeism, learning and behavior difficulties. When there is a lack of congruence between the parent sub-group and the other role groups, it can be hypothesized that there will be poorer support of public schools and education generally, as reflecred in failure of bond issues, tax elections, and conflicts between educators and the public.

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## Chapter 3

Structure of the School Opinion Survey

This chapter will outline the procedural steps followed in the development of the School Opinion Survey, including discussion of the preparation of the item pool and description of the factor analysis procedures utilized.

## Preparation of the Item Pool

The initial step in the development of the item pool was to ask a large number of graduate students in education, most of whom were experienced educators, to list at least five educational objectives which were of significance in descending order of importance. At the same time they were asked to list a technique which might be used to obtain each of these goals. In addition, they were asked to list the fundamental values which they felt should underlie education. Responses to these $i$ tems covered an extremely wide range of value, objective and technique categories, and numerous additions were made to these by the project staff. These responses were used as the basis for the construction of a pool of approximately 300 items.

The initial item pool was divided almost equally between items reflecting specific behaviors (tcchniques) and items reflecting attitudes (values and goals). A relatively complete range of educationally related attitudes and behaviors was represented by these items which were arranged as an objective scale. A respondent was asked to react to attitudinal items by indicating his personal preference on a five-point scale ranging from "disagree strongly" to "agree

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strongly." On the behavioral items respondents were asked to rate each item on a five-point scale according to the degree to which they believed the technique should be emphasized. The five-point scale ranged from "much less than now" to "much more than now." Each behavior item thus required a judgment about how much the activity was now emphasized in school, and concurrently a judgment about whether certain specific practices should be increased, decreased or are currently just right in emphasis.

Following assembly of the initial item pool, it was pretested on graduate students in education. Again it should be emphasized that these graduate students were comprised heavily of experienced educators. On the basis of this pretesting, fifty items were discarded because they failed to differentiate among the respondents. Other items were edited when questions about their clarity were raised. This reduced the number of items to 250 . One hundred fifty of these items remained in the attitude section of the item pool, and 100 remained in the behavior section of the item pool.

Treatment of Form A of the School Opinion Survey
This initial group of 250 items of the School Opinion Survey was designated Form A. This form appears in Appendix A. It was administered to all teachers, principals, counselors and tenth grade students and their parents in a Northern California community of 26,000 . Responses were obtained from over $90 \%$ of all groups except parents. Forms were administered to parents through the mail, and a return of $19 \%$ was received. The total number of respondents in all groups was 723.

Factor analysis of individual items was utilized because no a priori attempts to structure scales had been made, and because it was desirable to test the hypothesis that certain value-objectivetechnique clusters would result from the factor analysis. Three separate analyses were carried out in order to derive Form $B$ of the School Opinion Survey. Each factor analysis involved utilization of a principle components solution followed by a varimax rotation of items with eigenvalues over one. The first factor analysis was of the 100 "technique" or "endorsed behavior" items. The second factor analysis was done of 150 "values-objectives" type of items, while the final factor analysis was made of the 150 items drawn from those comprising the strongest factors from each of the two preceding factor analyses. This procedure was followed because there was no factor analysis program available at that time to handle over 150 items. Ten scales of ten items each comprised Form B of the School Opinion Survey.

## Outcomes of Factor Analysis Procedures

The hypothesis that final factors would be comprised of combinations of value-objective-technique items was not sustained. Instead, separate clusters of value and technique items were found, while items reflecting the broad goals of education tended to drop out. For example, items like "equal education for all is a basic concept of democracy" tended to drop out. Items related to "hours spent in school," "use of teaching machines," (both technique items) and "truth is relative; it is never absolute" (a value item) tended to remain in the final factors, although they did not load in the

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same factors.

The final 100 itens comprising Form B will be found in Appendix B in the form in which they were arranged on the aptical scanner sheets for research use. The 33 items on the front side represent the "value-objective" category of items, while the 67 on the reverse side are technique-centered items. Three "value" items, Nos. 17, 21 and 25 on the form, loaded in factor 10 , a "technique" factor. These are the only value types of items which loaded into a technique scale. No technique items were found in the value scales.

Form B of the Survey is comprised of ten scales of ten items each. This particular grouping of scales and items is not as artificial as the round numbers of the ten scales of ten items each might lead one to believe. Perusal of Table 1 will reveal item loadings of .30 or higher are attained in the case of all but twelve items on the rotated factor analyses of the final 150 items, and these twelve items are restricted to four of the ten scales (Scales 6, 7, 8 and 9). In all cases, items used in Form B represent items which bear negligible relationships to any other factor.

Factor Structure of Final 100 Items Comprising Form B
Before the final 100 items could be factored it was necessary to have Form B made up a bit prematurely due to the time pressures of the fall school testing program deadlines of the research project. While Form $B$ was being given in the schools, the 100 items remaining from the 250 item tests were refactored. The correlation matrix for this factor analysis will be found in Appendix C. The unrotated and rotated factor matrices resulting from the factor analysis of

| Item Number Form A | SCALE TW0：Traditionalism |  |  |  | Rotated Factor Loadings from 150 Item Analysis of Form $A$ | Rotated Factor Loadings of <br> Final 100 Items Comprising Form B |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Item <br> Number <br> on SOS <br> Form．$B$ <br> Side 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Item <br> Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Item } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5－45 | 2 | The individual desires and interests of students should | 2.42 | 1.05 | －． 50 | －． 3636 它 |
|  |  | in no way affect the construction of the curriculum． |  |  |  | m |
| 4－34 | 5 | The power of judgment is by nature equal in all men： | 2.54 | 1.31 | －． 50 | －． 3780 言苞 |
| 4－37 | 8 | Controversial issues should not be discussed in the | 2.46 | 1.00 | －． 48 | －． 3379 －${ }^{\text {cos }}$ |
|  |  | classroom． |  |  |  | 星 |
| 4－03 | 11 | The only objective of the school is intellectual | 1.80 | 0.94 | －． 48 | －．4475 盛 |
| 4－07 | 14 | It is best to ignure feelings and let the facts speak | 2.09 | 1.03 | －． 44 | －． 4680 － |
|  |  | for themselves． |  |  |  | 灵 |
| 4－43 | 18 | Differences among human beings are usually superficial． | 2.59 | 1.08 | －：43 | －． 4648 |
| 3－05 | 22 | The teacher should not have to be concerned about | 2.31 | 2.06 | －． 41 | －． 5054 |
|  |  | motivation． |  |  |  |  |
| 3－15 | 26 | A child＇s interest in a subject is unrelated to how | 2.84 | 0.96 | －． 38 | －． 3893 |
|  |  | well he does in it． |  |  |  |  |
|  | 29 | A child＇s feelings have no bearing on his learning． | 2.77 | 1.14 | －． 37 | －． 3944 |
|  |  |  | 2.48 | 0.99 ． | －． 36 | －． 4718 |
| 5－25 | 32 | It is best not to make exceptions to the rules for | 2.48 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Scale <br> Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Scale } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ | Alpha． Coefficient |  |
|  |  |  | 23.93 | 5.33 | ． 6703 |  |


| N | SCALE THREE: Relativism |  |  |  |  | - |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Item Number on SOS Form A | Item Number on SOS Form B Side 1 |  | Item Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Item } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ | Rotated Factor Loadings from 150 Item Analysis of Form A | Rotated Factor <br> Loadings of Final 100 Items Comprising Form B |
|  | 4-20 | 3 | Facts are not fixed, but can change with the situation. (Moral laws have a divine origin.) | 3.14 | 1.11 | -. 50 | . 3700 |
|  | 5-26 | 6 | The objective-scientific method is the best road to truth. (We live in a God-centered universe.) | 3.51 | 1.00 | -. 48 | . 3609 |
|  | 3-41 | 9 | Teachers should suggest problems and encourage pupils to find for themselves solutions which will work. (Education need not be religiousiy oriented to be sound | $2.72$ | 1.07 | +.41 | . 5607 |
|  | 4-41 | 12 | Rnówledge and truth are relative, not absolute. | 3.03 | 1.16 | +.40 | . 4543 |
|  | 5-31 | 15 | The main purpose of education is to turn out active people who DO things. (There is a Supreme Being.) | 3.29 | 0.95 | -. 40 | . 3845 |
|  | 5-18 | 19 | Schools should teach, not just known facts, but ways to discover new facts. (Moral laws are universal and unchanging.) | 2.91 | 1.13 | +. 33 | . 4757 |
|  | 5-27 | 23 | Facts change as new knowledge is developed. (Moral law can be safely grounḍed only in religion.) | 3.17 | 1.10 | -. 32 | . 4330 |
|  | 4-39 | 27 | There are really NO principles which are universal and unchanging. (All moral laws have grown out of human experience and thus are manmade.) | 2.58 | 1.10 | +. 30 | . 4904 |
|  | 4-47 | 30 | The most important objective of education is to teach effective problem solving skills. (Moral laws shoul.d change as social conditions change.) | 3.27 | 1.00 | +. 30 | . 3699 |
|  | 3-16 | 33 | Truth is relative; it is never absolute | 2.10 | 1.16 | -. 30 | . 5037 |
|  |  |  |  | Scale Mean | Scale S.D. | Alpha Coefficient |  |
|  |  |  |  | 30.16 | -, 48 | . 6426 |  |

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Competitive sports.
Team sports.
Extra-curricular activities.
Time allotted to outdoor play.
P.T.A. activities.
Grading on the curve.
Field trips.
Co-educational phyoical education.
Group projects.
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Scale } \\ \text { Mean }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Scale } \\ \text { S.D. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Alpha } \\ \text { Coefficient }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 34.18 | 4.85 | .7208 |

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| SCALE EIGHT: Academic. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Item Number on SOS Form $A$ | Item Number on SOS Form B Side 2 |  |  |  | Rotated Factor Loadings from 150 Item Analysis of Form A | Rotated FactorLaadings ofFinal 100 ItemsComprisingForm B |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Item | Item |  |  |
|  |  |  | Mean | S.D. |  |  |
| 1-2 | 5 | Hours spent in school. | 2.92 | 0.66 | +. 56 | . 6004 |
| 1-12 | 12 | Weeks in the school year. | 2.69 | 0.77 | +. 56 | . 6387 우ㄹㅜㅜㅁ |
| 1-45 | 19 | Emphasis on great literature. | 3.84 | 0.96 | +. 55 | . 0261 - |
| 2-20 | 26 | Longer class periods. | 2.92 | 1.22 | -. 43 | . 1789 ¢ ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| 2-40 | 33 | Free periods. | 3.10 | 1.12 | +. 39 | . 2215 ~ |
| 1-40 | 40 | Individual attention for each pupil. | 2.99 | 1.08 | +. 38 | . 2251 ¢ |
| 2-15 | 47 | Writing of themes. | 2.97 | 0.93 | +. 37 | . 1922 首 |
| 2-16 | 53 | Emphasis on social studies. | 2.61 | 0.98 | +. 30 | . 5150 |
| 1-46 | 59 | Group discussions with parents. | 3.43 | 1.00 | +. 26 | . 1922 |
| 2-34 | 65 | Foreign language courses. | 2.47 | 0.94 | -. 56 | . 4427 |
|  |  |  | Scale <br> Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Scale } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ | Alpha Coefficient |  |
|  |  |  | 29.65 | 4.99 | . 6697 |  |


| jectivity |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Item Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Item } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ | Rotated Factor Loadings from 150 Item Analysis of Form A | Rotated Factor Loadings of Final 100 Items Comprising Form B |
| 3.05 | 0.89 | -. 45 | . 4678 |
| 2.95 | 0.82 | -. 45 | . 1697 |
| 3.08 | 1.21 | -. 41 | . 3183 |
| 3.35 | 1.12 | -. 41 | . 3424 |
| 3.12 | 1.11 | -. 30 | . 4634 |
| 3.47 | 1.00 | -. 30 | . 1769 |
| 3.07 | 1.06 | -. 29 | . 4796 |
| 3.38 | 0.98 | -. 28 | . 3232 |
| 3.52 | 0.86 | -. 26 | . 2660 |
| 3.02 | 0.90 | -. 25 | . 4130 |
| Scale Mean | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Scale } \\ & \text { S.D. } \end{aligned}$ | Alpha Coefficient |  |
| 31.36 | 5.46 | . 7358 |  |

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Use of teaching machines. } \\
& \text { Personality testing. } \\
& \text { Use of IQ tests. } \\
& \text { Use of standardized tests. } \\
& \text { State regulation of education. } \\
& \text { Use of objective tests. } \\
& \text { Child-study training. } \\
& \text { Free medical care for students. } \\
& \text { Team teaching. } \\
& \text { Stress on mathematics. }
\end{aligned}
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$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Item } & \text { Item } \\ \text { Number } & \text { Number } \\ \text { On SOS } & \text { on SOS }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Number } & \text { on SOS } \\ \text { Form } A & \text { Form B }\end{array}$


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N जे ज ज $\%$ SCALENINE: $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Scale } & \text { Scale } \\ \text { Mean } & \text { S.D. Alpha }\end{array} \quad$ Coefficient $31.36 \quad 5.46 \quad .7358$

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the final 100 items used on Form $B$ are included in Appendices D and E. Although fifteen factors were rotated to make certain that as much variance as possible could be accounted for, only ten factors had eigenvalues greater than one. These ten factors accounted for approximately 80 per cent of the total variance. Table 1 indicates the items selected for inclusion in specific scales prior to the final factor analysis. In this case 28 out of the 100 items had loadings of less than .30 , but the bulk of these are to $b s$ found on three scales ( 6,7 and 8). Since the low loadings of these 28 items was discovered after Form B was being tested in the schools, it may be necessary to either eliminate or rewrite some of them after further analysis of Form B.

As has been previously indicated, clustering of value, objective and benavior types of items in the same factor did not occur. Rather, three of the factors appear to represent broad value positions with respect to education, while the remaining sciven factors represent specific techniques for implementing the educational process.

Factor 1 contained items chiefly concerned with individual differences, individual personal development and humanistic objectives, as opposed to strictly intellectual or subject matter oriented objectives. Educational values stre ©ing self realization, personal enjoyment of learning, development of critical thinking and breadth of curriculum tended to fall into this factor. Because of its clearly humanistic emphasis, it has been labeled the Humanism Scale. Table 1 reports the item numbers, item content and individual loadings for each question in this scale.

Factor 2 stresses intellectual development, attention to "objective facts," avoidance of controversial issues and the irrelevance to education of individual differences in feelings, interests and motivations. These values appear to embrace a traditionalist position with respect to education, and this scale has therefore been labeled the Traditionalism Scale. It is known among project staff as the 3 R's scale. Table 1, Scale Two, reports the items and loadings relevant to this scale.

Factor 3 is comprised of two kinds of items. Five of the items are essentially relativistic and stress the changing nature of "truth," the irrelevance of religion to education and the belief that moral law is of social derivation. The other five items all negatively correlated with the first five, delineate an absolutist point of view, emphasizing the omnipotence of God as the source of truth and moral law. The scale has been labeled the Relativism Scale. Table 1, Scale Three, reports appropriate items and loadings.

Beginning with Factor 4, all remaining factors reflect specific educational techniques. It is important to note that no technique items loaded significantly into any philosophical factor, although it has been indicated three value items did load into one of the technique factors. This suggests that the educational techniques which people endorse bear little relationship to the value system and to the objectives of education which they espouse. Certainly this suggestion is worth further study.

The first of the technique factors, Scale 4, stresses individual attention and clos.sr home-school relationships. Specifically
advocated are individual counseling on personal problems, individual attention to pupils, encouragement of creativity, parent orientation, parent-teacher conferences, home visits by teachers, school social workers and the better training of counselors. Common to all of these is the concept of increased attention by school staff to individual students in the school class room and home environments. Factor 4 is therefore labeled the Individual Attention Scale. Table 1, Scale Four, reports items and loadings relevant to this scale.

Factor 5 contains items emphasizing the importance of competitive and team sports, coeducational physical education, outdoor play, field trips, extracurricular activities, group projects, grading on a curve, PTA activities and local school board autonomy. The small group emphasis appears to be the central factor in this cluster of items, and Factor 5 was therefore labeled the Group Activities Scale. Table 1, Scale Five, reports item content and loadings.

Factor 6 is comprised of items advocating larger school districts and those aspects of staff professionalization usually associated with them: higher salaries for teachers and administrators, clerical help for teachers, educational research, school psychologists, and program of individual attention to assist the emotionally disturbed and gifted pupil. It was designated the Ancillary Services Scale. Table 1, Scale Six, reflects the item content and loadings of this scale.

Factor 7 was found to be comprised of items stressing essentially non-academic pursuits and extracurricular activities. This includes emphasis on student government, shop and craft classes, art and music
classes, consumer education, and other techniques aimed at preventing dropouts and retaining the interests of poorly motivated or nonacademically oriented students, such as better lighting, better library facilities and having the incidental expenses of education assumed by the school. It was called the Non-Academic Scale. Table 1, Scale Seven, reports the item content and load:ings.

The items in Factor 8 indicate endorsement of spending increased time in studying, more hours in the school day, nore weeks in the school year, longer class periods and less free time. Also stressed was the importance of "solid" college preparatory type subjects, such as foreign language, social studies, writing of themes and emphasis on great literature. It was labeled the Academic Scale, but is more familiarly known as the "grind" scale. Table 1, Scale Eight, reports items and loadings relevant to this factor.

Factor 9 is comprised of items concerned with relatively impersonal teaching methods and the utilization of objective information in the making of educational decisions. These include the use of teaching machines, use of nersonality, I.గ., standardized and objective tests; stress on mathematics and team teaching. Also included are items endorsing state regulation of education, free medical care for students and child study training. Since the predominant element in this factor resides in the endorsement of impersonal, scientific, educational methods, it was designated the Scientific Objectivity Scale. Table 1, Scale Nine, reports items and loadings appropriate to this scale.

The tenth factor emphasizes strict discipline and moral training.

Endorsed behaviors include strict enforcement of school rules, strictness of discipline, spanking of misbehaving pupils, stringent laws against truancy, the teaching of morals and self discipline in the school. The belief is expressed that punishment usually produces the desired results. This is the only factor in which there was any crossover of behavioral items and attitudinal items. Tiree attitudinal items loaded strongly into this scale. There was little difficulty in naming this factor the Strict Control Scale. Table 1, Scal? Ten, reports the item content and loadings.

## Reliability of the Scales

The reliability of the scales if Form B was determined in two different ways. The first was the determination of coefficient Alpha for each of the scales. The second was the computation of test-retest reliabilities for both the scales and the items. Coafficient Alpha provides an estimate of the lower bound of reliability (internal consistency) of a test and involves assumptions closely related to those "--originally adopted by Kuder and Richardson in the derivation of their Formula 20." (Novick and Lewis, May, 1966). These results are reported for each scale in Table 1. Coefficients range from 87 on Scale One to .53 on Scale Ten. Only two scales had Alpha coefficients below .65, and thres scales were .80 or higher. The internal consistency of these scales is generally high, offering additional evidence in support of the strength of the scale ${ }^{\circ}$.

Test-Retest Reliability of the Scales
The School Opinion Survey was administered to the teachers and
tenth grade students in three high schools. The interval between pre and post-test for all groups was precisely two weeks. Specific directions utilized in carrying out the reliability study will be found in Appendix F.

Test-retest reliability of the ten scales was computed for all teachers in the three schools as a single group. The total number of teachers was 102. Scale reliabilities were computed for the students in each of the three schools separately. The coefficient of stability for each scale fi. each of the four groups is reported in Table 2.

These results indicate somewhat higher scale stability among teachers than among any of the student groups, although there are two scales in which one or more of the reliabilities obtained on student populations exceeded those obtained on the teacher group. Generally speaking, the difference between teachers and students is small, and the differences among the three student groups appear to be negligible.

The generally low reliabilities among students on Scales 1, 3 and 4 suggest the need for reexamination of the vocabulary level of these scales. All scales, however, appear to be stable enough for use in the description of learning environments or in research.

## Test-Reteat Reliability of the Items

The test-retest reliability of items is reported for all teachers and all students as two separate groups in Table 3. In addition, item reliabilities for students were computed for each school separately. These results can be found in Appendix $C$.

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TABLE 2
School Opinion Test-Retest Reliability by Scale

| Scale | Coefficient of Stability for Teachers ( $\mathrm{N}=102$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Coefficient of } \\ & \text { Stability for } \\ & \text { School \#1 } \\ & (N=122) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Coefficient of } \\ & \text { Stability for } \\ & \text { School \#2 } \\ & (N=179) \end{aligned}$ | Coefficient of Stability for School \#3 ( $\mathrm{N}=250$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | . 7689 | . 5544 | . 4178 | . 6277 |
| 2 | . 7798 | . 7583 | . 7140 | . 7215 |
| 3 | . 7774 | . 4450 | . 3142 | . 4449 |
| 4 | . 6281 | . 5646 | . 5845 | . 4154 |
| 5 | . 7715 | . 6537 | . 7529 | . 7429 |
| 6 | . 8383 | . 7030 | . 7642 | . 6822 |
| 7 | . 7631 | . 6869 | . 6918 | . 6406 |
| 8 | . 7348 | . 7399 | . 7796 | . 6769 |
| 9 | . 6735 | . 6205 | . 7246 | . 6937 |
| 10 | . 8436 | . 7351 | . 7896 | . 7333 |

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## TABLE 3

Item Reliability (Coefficient of Stabılity)
for School Opinion Survey - Side One

## Teacher Sample 102

Student Sample $=551$
Total Sample $=65$

| Item \# | Coeff. for Teachers | Coeff. for Students | Coeff. for Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | . 6146 | . 4597 | . 4880 |
| 2. | . 4593 | . 5281 | . 5271 |
| 3. | . 5825 | . 3670 | . 4042 |
| 4. | . 6242 | . 3637 | . 4047 |
| 5. | . 4635 | . 5330 | . 5631 |
| 6. | . 5920 | . 4266 | . 4557 |
| 7. | . 5439 | . 2820 | . 3290 |
| 8. | . 4981 | . 4005 | . 4089 |
| 9. | . 1802 | . 4171 | . 3907 |
| 10. | . 5338 | . 3204 | . 3487 |
| 11. | . 5363 | . 3680 | . 3980 |
| 12. | . 5264 | . 2318 | . 2762 |
| 13. | . 6345 | . 2864 | . 3347 |
| 14. | . 3765 | . 4351 | . 4290 |
| 15. | . 6190 | . 4557 | . 4911 |
| 16. | . 5931 | . 4677 | . 4932 |
| 17. | .7107 | . 5763 | . 5959 |
| 18. | . 5001 | . 3939 | . 4380 |
| 19. | . 3352 | . 3590 | . 3560 |
| 20. | . 3312 | . 4160 | . 4201 |
| 21. | . 5324 | . 3878 | . 4340 |
| 22. | . 5667 | . 3871 | . 4292 |
| 23. | . 6924 | . 3622 | . 4266 |
| 24. | . 5532 | . 3099 | . 3408 |
| 25. | . 5159 | . 4075 | . 4363 |
| 26. | . 1457 | . 4146 | . 3879 |
| 27. | . 5748 | . 2488 | . 3017 |
| 28. | . 3604 | . 5113 | . 4965 |
| 29. | . 4718 | . 2863 | . 3098 |
| 30. | . 3556 | . 3529 | . 3513 |
| 31. | . 4322 | . 3053 | . 3242 |
| 32. | . 5607 | . 4290 | . 4472 |
| 33. | . 6040 | . 3888 | . 4240 |
| 34. | . 5228 | . 4124 | . 4310 |

## Item Reliability (Coefficient of Stability) for School Opinion Survey - Side Two

| Item \# | Coeff. for Teachers | Coeff. for Students | Coese. for Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | . 6539 | . 4912 | . 5411 |
| 2. | . 8665 | . 6544 | . 7292 |
| 3. | . 7391 | . 5249 | . 5561 |
| 4. | .6173 | . 5571 | . 5767 |
| 5. | . 3911 | . 5897 | . 5768 |
| 6. | . 7773 | . 5790 | . 5943 |
| 7. | . 6476 | . 6425 | . 6697 |
| 8. | . 6723 | . 5292 | . 5611 |
| 9. | . 5653 | . 6080 | . 6513 |
| 10. | . 6649 | . 4334 | . 4886 |
| 11. | . 6419 | . 5885 | . 6008 |
| 12. | . 6587 | . 5575 | . 5926 |
| 13. | . 6784 | . 5854 | . 6025 |
| 14. | . 7352 | . 6392 | . 6761 |
| 15. | . 6299 | . 4891 | . 5068 |
| 16. | . 5873 | . 4231 | . 5034 |
| 17. | . 5723 | . 6098 | . 6377 |
| 18. | . 5557 | . 5044 | . 5563 |
| 19. | . 6368 | . 6840 | . 6926 |
| 20. | . 4511 | . 5657 | . 5579 |
| 21. | . 2701 | . 5720 | . 5729 |
| 22. | . 6467 | . 5620 | . 5729 |
| 23. | . 3457 | . 6087 | . 6039 |
| 24. | . 5449 | . 4969 | . 5077 |
| 25. | . 7226 | . 4537 | . 4834 |
| 26. | . 6425 | . 5489 | . 5658 |
| 27. | . 3941 | . 5339 | . 5151 |
| 28. | . 5802 | . 5127 | . 5292 |
| 29. | . 7456 | . 5847 | . 6037 |
| 30. | . 6093 | . 5493 | . 5829 |
| 31. | . 5779 | . 4238 | . 4514 |
| 32. | . 8133 | . 4313 | . 5692 |
| 33. | . 5414 | . 5601 | . 5579 |

Item Reliability (Coefficient of Stability) for School Opinion Survey - Side Two (contd.)

| Item ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | Coeff. for Teachers | Coeff. for Students | Cceff. for Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 34. | . 6754 | . 3660 | . 4369 |
| 35. | . 7540 | . 5691 | . 5992 |
| 36. | . 5687 | . 3477 | . 3799 |
| 37. | . 6369 | . 6970 | . 7021 |
| 38. | . 6884 | . 5189 | . 5561 |
| 39. | . 6399 | . 59,12 | . 6096 |
| 40. | . 4815 | . 50.95 | . 5749 |
| 41. | . 7079 | . 4393 | . 4750 |
| 42. | . 5035 | . 5436 | . 5524 |
| 43. | . 5912 | . 3152 | . 3638 |
| 44. | . 6617 | . 5830 | . 6208 |
| 45. | . 5826 | . 6024 | . 6047 |
| 46. | . 5900 | . 3278 | . 3775 |
| 47. | . 6355 | . 5878 | . 6306 |
| 48. | . 5121 | . 3781 | . 3932 |
| 49. | . 5427 | . 5915 | . 5905 |
| 50. | . 4851 | . 6074 | . 6023 |
| 51. | . 7819 | . 5100 | . 5556 |
| 52. | . 3933 | . 2259 | . 2604 |
| 53. | . 5726 | . 5443 | . 5458 |
| 54. | . 3230 | . 4118 | . 4233 |
| 55. | . 6860 | . 5502 | . 5805 |
| 56. | . 5159 | . 4380 | . 4868 |
| 57. | . 5744 | . 5676 | . 5687 |
| 58. | . 6055 | . 5104 | . 5214 |
| 59. | . 5636 | . 5525 | . 5561 |
| 60. | . 7562 | . 4316 | . 4822 |
| 61. | . 5936 | . 5998 | . 6101 |
| 62. | . 6311 | . 2246 | . 3282 |
| 63. | . 6273 | . 6331 | . 6447 |
| 64. | . 4576 | . 5933 | . 5852 |
| 65. | . 7421 | . 6471 | . 6575 |
| 66. | . 7410 | . 6829 | . 6860 |

As was true in the case of scale reliability, the teacher sample has generally higher coefficients, item by item, than the student population. This is not uniform, however, since in 27 out of 100 cases the student coefficient exceeded that of the teachers. Item reliabilities are satisfactory, as might be inferred from the full scale reliabilities.

In general, it appears reasonable to state that both the internal consistency and the stability of the scales are satisfactorily high, $a \in$ least for further research and descriptive use of the instruments. Item stability is likewise satisfactory, with a few items needing some modification. Certain differences in scale stability between students and teachers suggest that either vocabulary level or the firmness with which beliefs are held (maturity?) are possible contributing factors to somewhat lower reliabilities among students.

Intergroup Differences on the Scales of Form $B$ of the School Opinion Survey
One of the initially perceived uses of the SOS was the determination of fundamental differences among significant educational role groups. The material presented here reflects findings based on the data originally collected in order to derive the factors which comprise the instrument. Each of the five educational role groups, students, parents, teachers, administrators and counselors, is compared with every other group on each of the scales in Table 4 and Figure 2.

By far, the greatest differences involved comparisons of students with each of the four adult groups. Administrators and students are the polar opposites on five of the ten scales. Administrators are highest on the Humanism, Ancillary Services and Academic Scales, while

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TABLE 4
School Opinion Survey Mean Scores by Educational Role Groups

| Scale |  | Students | Parents | Teachers | Counselors | Administrators |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$ | 36.60 | 38.57 | 38.15 | 37.90 | 38.66 |
| Humanism | S.D. | 3.66 | 3.86 | 3.82 | 3.79 | 3.87 |
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| Traditionalism | S.D. | 2.58 | 2.41 | 2.08 | 2.02 | 1.87 |
| 3 | $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$ | 29.97 | 29.18 | 29.87 | 31.50 | 29.84 |
| Relativism | S.D. | 3.22 | 3.49 | 3.29 | 3.74 | 3.35 |
| 4 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ | 32.90 | 37.39 | 37.72 | 38.06 | 38.33 |
| Individual Attention | S.D. | 3.29 | 3.74 | 3.77 | 3.81 | 3.83 |
| 5 | $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$ | 35.64 | 30.30 | 27.67 | 28.98 | 31.83 |
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| Non-Academic | S.D. | 3.51 | 3.52 | 3.34 | 3.40 | 3.47 |
| 8 | $\overline{\mathrm{X}}$ | 28.12 | 33.65 | 31.59 | 31.90 | 34.83 |
| Academic | S.D. | 4.90 | 4.40 | 3.80 | 2.90 | 2.21 |
| 9 | $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$ | 31.56 | 34.12 | 31.59 | 32.65 | 31.51 |
| Scientific Objectivity | S.D. | 3.16 | 3.41 | 3.16 | 3.27 | 3.15 |
| 10 | $\overline{\mathrm{x}}$ | 28.28 | 37.37 | 35.76 | 32.69 | 33.10 |
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FIGURE 2
Relative Positions of Criterion Groups on Scales of the School Opinion Survey

students are lowest. Students are highest on the Traditionalism Scale, and administrators are lowest. Administrators, along with counselors and teachers, are highest on Individual Attention, and students are lowest. Students and parents show the greatest disparity on the Strict Control Scale, with parents being the highest scoring group and students the lowest scoring group. Students and teachers show the greatest disparity on the Group Activities Scale, with students scoring highest and teachers lowes : this scale. Teachers and students also show considerable disparity on the Strict Control, Academic, Ancillary Services, Individual Attention, Traditionalism and Humanism Scales. Counselors and students show considerable disparity, with students considerably higher on Traditionalism and Group Activities and lower on Individual Attention, Ancillary Services and Strict Control Scales.

Administrators show the greatest disparity with the other groups on the Anciliary Services and Academic Scales. Counselors and administrators are quite similar in their scale scores except for the two previously mentioned scales, Ancillary Services and Academic, although even on these scales counselors are as close to the position of administrators on the scale as any of the other groups.

The scales which seem to do the best job of discriminating between the groups are the Traditioalism, Individual Attention, Group Activities, Ancillary Services, Academic and Strict Control. Those scales showing much more homogeneity in the mean score differences are Humanism, Relativism, Non-Academic and Scientific Objectivity.

The most striking feature of these findings lies in the consistent
differences found between all adult groups and the student sample. On seven of the ten scales the students were either higher than all of the adult groups or lower than all of the adult groups. Only on the Relativism Scale did the students fall between any of the adult groups, and in this case fell between counselors and parents but had the same relative score as $t$ sachers and administrators. This sample of students quite clearly endorses, more strongly than the aduit groups, an educational value system which ignores individual differences and emphasizes an educational regimen stressing intellectual development and attention to "objective facts," while at the same time they rail to endorse the educational techniques which would appear to lead to these ends.

Next to differences between adult groups and children generally, the greatest differences were discovered between parents and the three professional. education groups, administrators, counselors and teachers Generally speaking, the parent group endorsed more strongly an educational philosophy which tended to disregard individual differences and they, like their children, were inconsistent in endorsing educational techniques consistent with this philosophy. One is led to speculate: (1) that children say what their parents say, and (2) that neither group makes a very clear connection between an educational "philosophy" and the implementation of that philosophy.

Students generally endorse what might be considered "tougher" educational philosophies to a greater extent than the other groups, but at the same time endorse techniques which could not achieve the purposes of their stated philosophies. Differences between parents
and counselors are of such a nature as to suggest that parents might view counselors as being "soft" in their approach to education. Differences between parents and the educational groups indicate a greater endorsement, on the part of the parents, of philosophies which do not provide for individual differences, and of techniques inconsistent with this philosophy. Agreement among professional groups is narked.

The technique utilized in this study appears to have real possibilities for both intergroup and interdistrict comparison. These findings may signify the existence of disagreement between the home and the teaching staff with respect to both educational values and the implementation of these values. The inconsistency found between student values and implementation of their endorsed values suggests that they have not matured to the extent where they are able to bring their behavior into phase with their stated values.

In summary, it appears reasonable to say that in this sample students show the most gross differences from all other groups on the scales of the School Opinion Survey. Of the adult groups, the parents show the greatest deviation from the other groups, with the professional educator groups being generally quite similar to each other. Because comparisons with other school districts are not yet available, it is impossible to say whether the differences found in the present sample would remain consistent. The discovery of different kinds of patterns in different school districts would have definite implications for such factors as morale, effectiveness of the educational program, and student attitudes toward learning.

## Chapter 3

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## Chapter 4

A Summary

The initial impetus for the development of the School Opinion Survey which has been described came from the need to evaluate change as the result of utilizing guidance workers as agents of environmental modification within the school system. In the absence of any existing instrument which specified the parameters of the learning environment, it became necessary to develop one. In this process it appears that an instrument with wider general use has been developed and that some of the attitudes and behaviors which structure the learning environment have been delineated.

The concept of the "learning environment" is not a new one. Others have utilized this concept in their orm experimentation. However, previous concepts of the learning environment have been limited primarily to what takes place within the school building itself, and in most cases have been limited to the actual class room situation. In addition, there has been some tendency to regard the learning environment as being structured primarily by professional educators. These concepts have failed to take into account the fact that the peer culture can profoundly modify much of what the educator is attempting to accomplish and further, have ignored the fact that children come from homes where there may be parental attitudes towards both the process and aims of education which are in sharp conflict with those of professional educators. It thus appeared highly relevant, both from the point of view of the specific research project being undertaken and from a more general point of view, to attempt to

## 54 Dimensions of the Learning Environment:

 The School Opinion Surveydevelop in instrument which would reflect these defined parameters.
Thus, one of the original purposes in developing this instrument was to delineate significant parameters of the learning environment, with learning environment being broadly defined to include not only the school and what takes place in it, but also those attitudes held by the significant persons outside of the school which potentially influenced what happened in the school. This goal appears to have been at least partially accomplished. No pretense is made that all significant parametex, have been defined, nor that additional ones might not be discovered. It does appear, however, that certain constructs useful in further study of the learning environment have been deminstrated.

## Relevance of Initial Assumptions

One initial assumption was that factors resulting from analysis of data collected by means of the Sclung Opirion Survey wourd retiect certain identifiable "philosophies" of education. This assumption appears to have been borne out, and three different attitudinal points of view with respect to the goals and values of education have been delineated. In the present setting they have been labeled the humanist, traditionalist and relativist posicions. These three factors appear to be essentially orthogonal.

On the other hand, whether the assumptions implicit in the vertical axis of Figure 1 relevant to the relationship among values, objectives and techniques has been demonstrated is a moot question. The fact that this remains an open question is due partially to the fact that another assumption, namely, that factors would be comprised of com-
binaticns of value, objective and technique items, was not borne out empirically. The meaning of this finding is difficult to assess, but the most parsimonious explanation would appear to be that what individuals see as the goals of education and the techniques which they endorse are essentially unrelated. It also appears appropriate in the light of present findings to take the position that attitudes do not, even in the general population, always result in behaviors which will fulfill the outcomes anticipated by the attitudes.

It is apparent from the present data that ser'sus difeerences, both in philosophy and endorsed educational technicues do exist among the significant educational role groups. The greatest disparity exists between children and the adult groups, but it should not be overlooked that serious differences also exist between teachers and parents as well. Existing unpublished data further suggest that significant differences are to be found between elementary and secondar: teachers,
 not yet been demonstrated.

The initial purpose in constructing the survey was not only to delincate the dinensions of a specific learning environment, but also to utiiize the instrument in determining the extent to which these dimensions could be altered through the intervention of a professional guidance specialist. Current evidence suggests that the ten scales of the suri iy are exceedingly stable. This would imply that changes in response to the scales would be difficult to bring about. Since the scale may not be sensitive to minor changes, it may have only
limited usefulness in change studies. This is advanced as a hypothesis and not a conclusion, however.

The scale does seem to have real promise as an instrument to be utilized in studying differences among the various educational role groups and for the study of differences existing within these groups. It may also have some utility for studying differences between schools or schoo districts, but this question must await further testing.

It has been demonstrated that what appear to be characteristic differences exist between educational and lay groups, but the magnitude of such discrepancies in different settings remains undiscovered. Such a study in communities where there is both strong and weak support of education might be revealing.

## The Future

Furcher experimentation is necessary in order to determine whether こasizivaai scaies siouid be added to the existing survey. In addition, further investigation will be made of educational values, objectives and techniques, possibly through asking people to specify which of the three general attitude positions they can endorse and then asking them to delineate the means they would approve for achieving these goals. Experimentation with the placement of the most highly correlated attitude and behavior scales in the same scale also might prove illuminating.

Further utilization of the survey as a measure of administrative effectiveness, teacher morale and public support of education will be made. In addition, the achievement patterns of children in different schools and at different levels where different general kinds
of responses are received from the significant educational role groups will also be carried out. Generally speaking, this instrument appears to have a positive potential for understanding further the social systems which are operative in the schools.

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APPENDIX A

## SCHOOL OPINTON SURVEY

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## Instructions

1. Included with these materials is a special IBM electrographic pencil. Please use only THIS PENCIL in blackening the spaces on the Answer Cards. It is necessary to completely blacken a space with this pencil (while not going outside the space) or the somputer may misread your answer.
2. NOW PIEASE TAKE ANSWER CARD 1 (white). Please indicate by blackening the appropriate spaces on the Answer Card what CHANGES, if any, you believe should be made to improve public education. Take number 1 (homework) for example: If you believe there should be much less homework than now, you should blacken $A$ next to 1 like this ; if you believe there should be a little less than now, you should blacken B; if just the same as now, blacken C; if a little more than now, blacken $D$, and if much more than now, E. To help you remember the five options for each item, they will be repeated at the top of each page. You may
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PLEASE IRY TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS


NOW PLEASE TAKE ANSWER CARD 2 (green) and begin with item 1.

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1 The school should proinote cooperation, not competition.
2 The school exists to help perfect the individual
3 Discipline is the natural result of pursuing wisely chosen goals.
4 Scientific method should be taught all children at an early age.
5 The teacher should not have to be concerned about motivation.
Moral laws are unchanging.
The most important thing about school is not buildings or boaks, but people.
Equal education for ali is a basic concept of democracy.
Teachers need the right to administer corforal punishment to maintain discipline. A person is really free only when he has the power to act.

The goverrment should be limited to protecting rights and maintaining order. Man can know the world substantially as it really is.
Personality is the supreme value in life.
Man possesses free will.
A child's interest in e subject is unrelated to how well he does in. it.
Truth is relative; it is never absolute.
The interests of pupils should be considered in planning the curriculum. Children should learn by doing.
The modern school attempts to do too much.
Freedom and responsibility are inseparable.
Students should be encouraged to work toward grexp goals.
Human experience is the only reality man can know.
Committee work should be emphasized in educational procedure.
Separation of church and state should be maintained.
What an object may be like in itself cannot be known for sure.
Children who don't want to learn academic subject matter should be expelled. Uniess all groups enjoy equal opportunities, they do not enjoy equal freedom. The most important knowledge a person can possess is self-knowledge.
If the teacher is te change the puifil he nusi change the pupilis environment.
The teaching of morality is fundamentally the task of the church and the home.
The school should be deeply concerned with the development of personality.
Today decides tomorrow.
Knowledge is never certain.
All knowledge and values grow out of $h$ man experience.
"Curriculum" means the total learming experiences planned by the school staff.
The secret of good education lies in respecting the pupil.
The students, not the teacher, should choose members of class committees. "Progressive education" has done much harm.
Beauty is its own excuse for being.
School curricula should stress science above other subjects.

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31 Essay examinationsare the best measure of achievement.
32 Since man cannot change the world he should seek to understand and adjust to it.

Man's rights are absolute, universal, and unchanging.
37 Controversial issues should not be discussed in the classroom.
38 A child should be taught to respect the rights of others.
39 All moral laws have grom out of human experience and are thus man-made.
40 Religion should not be taught in the public schools.
41 Knovledge and truth are relative, not absolute.
42 It is the school's job to teach children values.
43 Differences among human beings are usuali' superficial.
44 The teacher's primary concern should be to promote academic learning.

46 Learning does not have to increase earning power in order to be practical.
47 Moral laws should change as social conditions change.
48 Self-realization is the aim of life.
49 Most moral choices are choices betwoen competing goods.
The teacher's primary job is to help each ciild achieve his own potential.
END OF ANSWER CARD 4
Now please take ANSINER CARD 5 (brown) anid begin with item 1.
Children need to be with those who differ from them in ability. All reality is in some sense personal.
Most social institutions and moral laws have a human origia. The teacher's main function is the transmittal of subject matter. A single standard for all children can be most damaging.

Objects are unaffected by man's perception of whem.
Enjoyment of learning for the sake of learning is an important educational goal. The primary aim of education is to promote personal growth. Religion can be separated from a particular doctrine of God. There is no such thing as an absolute fact.

There is no way of knowing a person's actual potential. Children should learn to compete in school.
Examinations should be carefully proctored so as to prevent cheating.
If a child is performing below standards, he should be frankly told this. There is a need for more school activities tailored to the better students.

Man doesn't make moral laws; he simple discovers them.
Each student should be graded in terms of his own ability.
Moral laws are universal and unchanging.
The cultural tradition should be the heart of the school curriculum. The teacher is constantly redirecting attitudes which are already in existence.
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21 It ic iarely beneficial to a child to repeat a grade.
22 All men share a common human nature.
23 The primary task of the school is to pass on the cultural heritage.
24 Teachers shculd concentrate on developing skills, expecially critical thinking.
25 It is best not io make exceptions to the rules for individual cases.
26 We live in a God-centered universe.
27 Moral law can be safely grounded only in religion.
28 That government is best which governs least.
29 The aims of education should stem frem scciety rather than the child's nature.
30 Freedom is the absence of restraints and restrictions.
31 There is a Supreme Being.
32 A good education is a broad education.
33 Participati in in student government should be only for those who get good grades.
34 Man may be said to "know" when he can accurately predict the consequences of acting.
35 Personal growth should be emphasized in early grades, achicvement in later ones.
36 Education is essentially a process in which the teacher helps the student realize his potential self.
37 The rea]. value of the curriculum denends on the changes it brings akout in the behavior and lives of the students.
38 The child learns best when he can relate that which is being taught to his own interests, goals, and purposes.
39 An individual's feelings of adequacy about himself will be directly reflected in the effectiveness of his behavior.
40 Schools exist primarily for the purpose of helping children perceive and reglize their own individual potential.

41 Becanse of their professional preparation and experience, teache $\cdot \mathrm{s}$ are the best qualified to decide what should be taught in the schools.
42 Children's personalities are shaped by their enviromment and they are, thus, not responsible for them.
43 The best discipline is for a child to be brought to realike the natural consequences of his behavior.
44 A prime function ol the school is to help children learn to participate in reaching decisions acceptable to all members of the group.
45 The individual desires and interests of students should in no way affect the construction of the curriculum.

46 Schools should concentrate on developing basic skills, knowledge, and critical thinking.
47 The most importari task of the school is to help children understand the world in which they live.
48 It is more important for a child to break the habit of tatiting than to acquire more information about history.
49 Specialization may actually reduce a person's ability to make sound value judgments where his specialty is concerned.
50 The teacher needs to know a great deal about those whom he would teach.

## END OF ANSWER CARD 5

Now please place all five cards and the special pencil in the envelope provided and seal it. Thanls you very much for sharing your ideas.

## APPENDIX B

## SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

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| 91 | 0.499 | -0.367 | -0.306 | 0.059 | 0.047 | -0.014 | -0.060 | -0.038 | -0.140 | 0.153 | -0.161 | -0.037 | 0.031 | -0.010 | 0.062 |
| 93 | 0.518 | 0.026 | -0.234 | -0.079 | 0.026 | 0.048 | -0.072 | 0.051 | -0.090 | 0.077 | -0.007 | 0.082 | 0.059 | 0.034 | 0.049 |
| 93 | 0.644 | 0.035 | -0.071 | -0.001 | 0.147 | 0.104 | -0.145 | 0.003 | -0.061 | 0.011 | 0.024 | 0.024 | 0.102 | 0.172 | -0.020 |
| 94 | 0.420 | -0.211 | -0.332 | -0.158 | 0.011 | -0.105 | -0.160 | 0.033 | -0.163 | -0.001 | -0.086 | -0.065 | 0.124 | -0.036 | 0.158 |
| 95 | 0.637 | -0.022 | -0.230 | 0.003 | -0.020 | 0.006 | 0.021 | 0.223 | -0.100 | -0.012 | 0.122 | -0.023 | -0.139 | -0.136 | 0.057 |
| 96 | 0.450 | -0.384 | -0.272 | 0.062 | 0.030 | 0.129 | -0.119 | -0.050 | -0.064 | 0.063 | 0.040 | -0.154 | -0.016 | -0.103 | -0.077 |
| 97 | 0.511 | -0.283 | -0.299 | -0.022 | -0.004 | -0.009 | -0.162 | -0.011 | -0.233 | 0.094 | -0.088 | -0.009 | 0.111 | -0.018 | 0.023 |
| 98 | 0.313 | -0.283 | -0.320 | 0.070 | -0.028 | 0.147 | -0.081 | -0.118 | -0.156 | 0.127 | -0.001 | -0.151 | -0.059 | 0.031 | -0.111 |
| 99 | 0.106 | -0.330 | -0.229 | 0.029 | 0.098 | 0.030 | -0.083 | -0.069 | -0.078 | 0,016 | 0.137 | -0.125 | 0.081 | -0.065 | -0.074 |
| 100 | 0.384 | -0.371 | -0.094 | -0.025 | 0.185 | 0.018 | -0.025 | -0.090 | -0.065 | 0.063 | 0.160 | -0.151 | 0.100 | -c.002 | -0.091 |

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## APPENDIX F

general directions for the school opinion SURVEY RELIABILITY STUDY

## U.C.L.A. Guidance Research Project

The basic purpose of administering the School Opirion Survey in your schools is to determine the reliability of this instrument on samples of teachers and tenth grade students. This will necessitate two administrations to the same groups with an intervening interval of exactly two weeks between administrations. Be sure to keep forms completed at the first administration separate from these completed at the second administration. In order to achieve an adequate reliability study, it is necessary to obtain the return of questionnaires from as close to $100 \%$ of your faculty and tenth grade students as is humanly possible.

## The Teacher Sample

## A. First Administration:

(1) The initial administration of the SOS should be made in a group session, such as a faculty meeting. It should be explained that the $\operatorname{SOS}$ is expecied to have wide national usage and that this necessitates a careful check of its reliability. This must be done by administering the survey once now and then a second time after a two week interval.
(2) Each teacher should then be provided a copy of the SOS (stamped "FIRST ADMINISTRATION") and a blank envelope.
(3) Teachers should be told that the survey is not timed but that it usually takes approximately twenty minutes for completion. Instruct teachers when finished to place the SOS forms in the
envelope, seal it, PRINT THEIR NGMES ON THE ENVELOPE and return it to you. Emphasize that individual responses will not be seen at any time by school or district personnel, and that the responses of specific individuals are of no interest to research staff. Explain that the reason for writing their names on the envelope is to permit matching the pairs of forms which is necessary in order to compute the reliability.
(4) As the envelopes are returned, the examiner should ascertain that the name has been printed on it. Nameless envelopes will be useless. Envelopes may then be filed in an envelope box alphabetically.

## B. Re-test Administration

(1) The second administration of the SOS should take place exactly two weeks after the first one. This should also be done In a group situation in order to insure prompt return of the greatest possible number of questionnaires. The procedure for group re-test administration is exactly the same as the procedure for the first administration, except that in the re-test only forms stamped "SECOND ADMINISTRATION" may be used.
(2) If it is impossible to. carry out the second administration in the group setting, utilize whatever means of distribution most effective in insuring a high return. In any case, be sure to accompany each form with an envelope (provided by the Project) in which the form can be sealed and returned. AGAIN, TEACHERS MUST BE ASKED TO PRINT THEIR NAMES ON THE ENVELOPE. It will be necessary to provide some kind of check on who has or has not
returned forms. It might be possible to place a box in your office or in the main office with a list of teachers names on it. Teachers could be instructed to place a check mark next to their names at the time that they put the envelope containing their completed SOS form in the box. Personal follow up will be needed in order to obtain return of the highest possible percentage of teacher responses.

## The Student Sample

(1) Both the first and second administration of the SOS to tenth grade students should take place in a group situation.
(2) The same group administration procedure as used with teachers should be employed. If they are not, students should be clearly instructed to PRINT THEIR NAMES on the FORM ITSELF during BOTH first and second administrations. It is not, however, imperative that individual envelopes be used by students.
(3) Students should be told that the data collected on these forms will be used as a part of a national study of education. They must be asked to be frank and be clearly informed that neither their grades nor any other aspect of their school life will be affected by their responses.
(4) As was true with teachers, the interval between first and second administration must be exact.ly two weeks.

After completion of all student and teacher rorms, please return materials to Dr. Clarence Mahler, Professor of Psychology, Chico State College, attaching a completed "IDENTIFICATION FORM."

IMPORTANT! PLEASE FILL OUT AND ATTACH A COPY OF THIS FORM TO EACH PACKAGE OF COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES

TO: Dr. Clarence A. Mahler Professor of Psychology Chico State College
Chico, California

Attached are $\qquad$ pairs (both 1st and 2nd administration) of School Opinion Survey forms completed by:
$\qquad$ Teachers
$\qquad$ Students
(Check appropriate space(s))
Re-test administration with teachers was
(Check one)
$\qquad$ Done at a group meeting
$\qquad$ Given to teachers to complete on
their own at $\qquad$ (Signed) $\qquad$

## APPENDIX G

ITEM RELIABILITY (COEFFICIENT OF STABILITY) OF STUDENTS
by School for school opinion survey - sidf one
SCHOOL ONE SAMPLE $=122 \quad$ SCHOOL TWO SAMPLE $=179$

School \#1
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.385
.545
.386
.237
.558
.514
.284
.429
.413
.366
.560
.098
.243
.518
.608
.550
.614
.357
.311
.591
.352
.377
.276
.373
.355
.409
.264
.567
.278
.273
.354
.486
.364
.347

COEFF. FOR SCHOOL \#2

COEFF. FOR SCHOOL \#3

SCHOOL THREE SAMPLE $=250$

| .367 | .543 |
| :--- | :--- |
| .370 | .624 |
| .168 | .456 |
| .383 | .373 |
| .541 | .516 |
| .310 | .462 |
| .195 | .342 |
| .540 | .283 |
| .345 | .453 |
| .286 | .323 |
| .248 | .358 |
| .118 | .369 |
| .269 | .293 |
| .505 | .347 |
| .453 | .384 |
| .447 | .429 |
| .542 | .571 |
| .414 | .408 |
| .478 | .277 |
| .355 | .385 |
| .421 | .386 |
| .402 | .375 |
| .416 | .334 |
| .226 | .340 |
| .491 | .372 |
| .322 | .477 |
| .233 | .241 |
| .571 | .451 |
| .296 | .261 |
| .279 | .438 |
| .261 | .306 |
| .435 | .395 |
| .330 | .446 |
| .524 | .346 |

ITEM RELIABILITY (COEFFICIENT OF STABILITY) OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY - SIDE TNO

| ITEM \# | COEFF. FOR SCHOOL \#1 | COEFF. FOR <br> SCHOOL \#2 | COEFF. FOR SCHOOL \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | . 557 | . 367 |  |
| 2. | . 600 | . 638 | . 6889 |
| 3. | . 553 | . 371 | . 558 |
| 4. | . 595 | . 522 | . 570 |
| 5. | . 725 | . 616 | . 519 |
| 6. | . 640 | . 557 | . 578 |
| 7. | . 501 | . 688 | . 644 |
| 8. | . 301 | . 525 | . 608 |
| 9. | . 614 | . 525 | . 667 |
| 10. | . 316 | . 417 | . 487 |
| 11. | . 572 | . 506 | . 4814 |
| 12. | . 553 | . 644 | . 478 |
| 13. | . 582 | . 579 | . 596 |
| 14. | . 661 | . 573 | . 675 |
| 15. | . 602 | . 452 | . 6757 |
| 16. | . 526 | . 323 | . 457 |
| 17. | . 682 | . 625 | . 562 |
| 18. | .536 | . 437 | . 556 |
| 19. | . 746 | . 629 | . 698 |
| 21. | . 649 | . 523 | . 565 |
| 22. | . 638 | . 547 | . 573 |
| 23. | . 679 | . 559 | . 584 |
| 24. | . 496 | . 469 | . 576 |
| 25. | . 580 | . 420 | . 437 |
| 26. | . 664 | . 583 | . 466 |
| 27. | . 641 | . 457 | . 521 |
| 28. | . 559 | . 468 | . 506 |
| 29. 30. | . 597 | . 720 | . 483 |
| 33. | . 626 | . 534 | . 529 |
| 32. | . 490 | . 438 | . 382 |
| 33. | . 506 | . 631 | . 429 |

ITEM RELIABILITY (CGEFFICIENT OF STABILITY) OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL FOR SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY - SIDE TWO (Contd.)

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COEFF. FOR
CHOOL
.130
.566
.221
. 583
.630
.725
.562
.404
.634
.242
.504
. 588
.263
.630
. 281
. 507
.620
.532
52.
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66.
. 501
.397
.548
.428
. 634
. 600
.519
.385
.687
.110
.714
.656
.689
.633

| COEFF. FOR | COEFF. FOR <br> SCHOOL |
| :---: | :---: |
| SCHOOL |  |
|  |  |
| .384 | .418 |
| .617 | .517 |
| .342 | .387 |
| .699 | .707 |
| .513 | .478 |
| .589 | .534 |
| .630 | .551 |
| .456 | .439 |
| .521 | .544 |
| .378 | .312 |
| .567 | .609 |
| .658 | .583 |
| .393 | .308 |
| .620 | .563 |
| .447 | .357 |
| .582 | .621 |
| .635 | .577 |
| .418 | .552 |
| .239 | .144 |
| .510 | .558 |
| .467 | .383 |
| .597 | .513 |
| .525 | .390 |
| .554 | .549 |
| .531 | .429 |
| .571 | .553 |
| .412 | .463 |
| .551 | .599 |
| .164 | .321 |
| .604 | .618 |
| .597 | .568 |
| .703 | .573 |
| .697 | .687 |
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