

## Scale Description

This scale assesses High School motivation and contains 7 sub-scales assessing Intrinsic motivation towards knowledge, accomplishments and stimulation, as well as external, introjected and identified regulation, and amotivation. It contains 28 items assessed on a 5-point scale.

## References

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# ACADEMIC MOTIVATION SCALE (AMS-HS 28)

## HIGH SCHOOL VERSION

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### WHY DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL ?

*Using the scale below, indicate to what extent each of the following items presently corresponds to one of the reasons why you go to school.*

<b>Does not correspond at all</b>	<b>Corresponds a little</b>		<b>Corresponds moderately</b>		<b>Corresponds a lot</b>		<b>Corresponds exactly</b>	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

### *WHY DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL ?*

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1. Because I need at least a high-school degree in order to find a high-paying job later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. Because I experience pleasure and satisfaction while learning new things.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. Because I think that a high-school education will help me better prepare for the career I have chosen.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. Because I really like going to school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. Honestly, I don't know; I really feel that I am wasting my time in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. For the pleasure I experience while surpassing myself in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. To prove to myself that I am capable of completing my high-school degree.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8. In order to obtain a more prestigious job later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9. For the pleasure I experience when I discover new things never seen before.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10. Because eventually it will enable me to enter the job market in a field that I like.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11. Because for me, school is fun.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

12. I once had good reasons for going to school; however, now I wonder whether I should continue.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13. For the pleasure that I experience while I am surpassing myself in one of my personal accomplishments.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14. Because of the fact that when I succeed in school I feel important.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15. Because I want to have "the good life" later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16. For the pleasure that I experience in broadening my knowledge about subjects which appeal to me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17. Because this will help me make a better choice regarding my career orientation.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18. For the pleasure that I experience when I am taken by discussions with interesting teachers.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19. I can't see why I go to school and frankly, I couldn't care less.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20. For the satisfaction I feel when I am in the process of accomplishing difficult academic activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21. To show myself that I am an intelligent person.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22. In order to have a better salary later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23. Because my studies allow me to continue to learn about many things that interest me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24. Because I believe that my high school education will improve my competence as a worker.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25. For the "high" feeling that I experience while reading about various interesting subjects.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26. I don't know; I can't understand what I am doing in school.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27. Because high school allows me to experience a personal satisfaction in my quest for excellence in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28. Because I want to show myself that I can succeed in my studies.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**KEY FOR AMS HS-28**

- # 2, 9, 16, 23 Intrinsic motivation - to know**
  - # 6, 13, 20, 27 Intrinsic motivation - toward accomplishment**
  - # 4, 11, 18, 25 Intrinsic motivation - to experience stimulation**
  - # 3, 10, 17, 24 Extrinsic motivation - identified**
  - # 7, 14, 21, 28 Extrinsic motivation - introjected**
  - # 1, 8, 15, 22 Extrinsic motivation - external regulation**
  - # 5, 12, 19, 26 Amotivation**
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Note: To use this scale you require only to mention the complete reference data.

Thank you for your interest.

Good luck in your research.