

EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES GUIDED WORKSHEET (PROVIDER VERSION)

If using the **fact sheet** or **podcast**, the following worksheet can be used to guide participants in understanding the materials. Providers may add additional statements and information based on client needs.

PART I: AGREE OR DISAGREE

Ask participants to answer the following questions. You may first ask them to answer without the **fact sheet** (or **podcast**), and then provide them with the **fact sheet** (or **podcast**) to check themselves. You may give them the statements to complete independently, or in groups, or read them out loud.

1. Public school is free. (Agree)
2. School is mandatory for children. (Agree)
3. Public schools can have religious affiliations. (Disagree)
4. Parents do not need to be engaged with education. (Disagree)
5. Boys and girls attend public school together. (Agree)
6. The classroom environment in the United States is usually participative and interactive. (Agree)
7. Higher education is free. (Disagree)
8. There are many ways you can engage with your child's education. (Agree)

PART II: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Depending on the group, ask participants the following discussion questions. They may generate responses in pairs or groups and report back, or you can have them respond directly to you. The answers provided are based on the Fact Sheet and Podcast, but you may add to the lists.

1. What are some different ways you can engage in your child's education?

Answers:

- Find out if the school offers school tours or an orientation
- Ask your child what s/he learned about in school that day
- Ask your child what they have to do for homework
- Attend ESL classes, if offered, at your child's school
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Help with an extracurricular activity, such as a school sports team or a club
- Volunteer in your child's classroom
- Walk your child to the bus or school
- Work with your child on her/his homework

2. What are the different types of education available to adults?

Answers:

English language and literacy classes
Training courses
General Education Development (GED)
Vocational and technical schools
Community colleges (usually 2-year programs)
Colleges or universities (usually 4-year programs)
Graduate schools (for advanced degrees)