Student Interview

Below are questions that you might ask physics students that you interview. You are not limited to these questions, so please add questions that are of interest to you. Be aware that you may need to adapt language according to the age or primary language of the student.

Before conducting the interview, discuss the process and your list of questions with the teacher or parent so they are aware of your interactions with the student. Remember that you are not authorized to be alone with students at the school site and must be in the presence of school personnel at all times. Please arrange your interviews accordingly.

Potential Questions:

- How old are you?
- What grade are you in?
- Why are you taking physics?
- What do you like best about physics class? Why?
- What do you like least about physics class? What would make it better?
- When you have to learn something difficult, what can the teacher do to help you? What do you do to help?
- Someday, I'll be a teacher. What do you think I should do to be a good teacher?

After the interview

Write a summary report of the interview and answer the following questions.

- Do you think the student you interviewed represents the "typical" student in the classrooms in which you will someday teach?
- What surprised you about their answers?
- How does this information influence you now, and in thinking about your future career?