

Where do you see your career five (5) years after high school graduation?

Grade 7:

Working somewhere
Military or working
An airplane pilot
I'm going to have a nice career making lots of money
In college or making games
Playing in the NBA
St. Mary's Hospital Duluth
College playing baseball and basketball
Working at a good job and college educated
College
College
Photographer
Hair stylist
Mechanic or electrician
College
I don't know
In the army and training to be an architect
Getting paid good money
Pimpin Hoes if it paid good money. All about the Benjamins
I see my career maybe working as a doctor, hopefully earning enough money to get me through my life
Football
I will be in college or finishing my master's degree
I'm going to college for 4-5 years
I am going to college for 5-6 years
Programming
Working with pets to help them
I would see me being an engineer
Starting my architectural job at my new home
Car hauler, NFL, game tester, game designer, sports coach
Computers
Working with computers
I'll be a millionaire
I do not know
I don't know yet
Food business

Food business
I don't know yet
I want to be a veterinarian or a veterinarian assistant
Either military still or college
I don't know yet
College
Still in law school
Working as an architect
Get a good job
Construction
I don't know
Pretty good
I don't know
A good job for me
Living on the east coast
I see myself being successful and working maybe as a teacher
Pediatrician
I don't know
Marine biologist
Just starting out at a new job
I play soccer
College
Training for the National Guard
Yes
Somewhere
Working
Working
In a nice salon
At law school
Military and tech school
?
College
I don't know
As a school teacher
?
In the NBA
The U.S. Army
Having a good paying job, a wife, maybe kids, a nice house, and a nice piece of big land
NFL for the Bills

In college
World Series
Own my own business
College football or the military
Hopefully being a nurse or teacher
Acting and singing
Cook at Crookston and be a photographer
In success
Working for the railroad
Owning my own business
Auto mechanic, carpenter, owner of a pet store, pro skateboarder, or a cat tester
I don't know
Playing pro baseball
No
I don't know
On a basketball team (NBA)
College
I want to have a horse stable or be working with handicap kids
Vet and business
I don't know
Plumber, pipe fitter, or welder
I can't see it yet
College, nurse, and married with one kid
Waitress at the truck stop
Playing hockey
Mechanical industries
An 8th grade band teacher
In school for another 4 years
Professional hockey player
In Florida training marine mammals ex. Dolphins and whales
Somewhere warm
Still going got college and having a part-time job as a cheerleading and figure skating coach
Playing in the NFL
MLB
I hope to be a dance teacher
Master in marine biology studying bioluminescence
?
Maybe

High in money and happy customers
Hair?
Well, I want to become a doctor
A dentist
Ummm, I don't know
Chef or car mechanic
Working at Potlatch
About average
A rich man that has pimp cars
Basketball related
Vet professional horse trainer
Just getting out of college
Wildlife management
Working with animals
Hopefully teaching seventh grade English
I plan to be a kid's physical therapist, OBGYN, pediatrician, or work for the DNR
I haven't thought that far ahead
As a professional doctor-pediatrician- or veterinarian
Be a choreographer
Maybe North Carolina or Furman
Hopefully working at a salon somewhere but I would also like to have a day care center
Architects, fashion designing, or interior designer
Either playing basketball in the NBA, artistry, or music
Just leaving college and working
I don't know
?
A pretty good career, I'm not sure yet
Successful
Possibly a college or university or in a large business
Playing hockey/golf or working for the FBI or CIA
Just starting-I hope to be a journalist at a newspaper maybe
Engineer or realtor
College?
Either in the military or working
Still in college
I don't know
Probably working or student teaching
Having a job

Lazy bum, soccer player, pro fisherman, or artist
Good, probably still in college. I'll want to have a part time job for the extra money and experience
On stage in concert
Don't have one
I don't really know
I don't know
A vet or a country singer
?
An electric engineer
Still in college
Soccer
I don't know
Military
In the cities
I don't know yet
I see it pretty strong
Going to work as a photographer for National Geographic Magazine
Still a college career or just starting in the entertainment and theatrical business
Going to have a good job that pays good money
Something involved with nature
College or work
I don't know
No clue
Playing pro tennis
I don't know
College and be a father
Grad school
Football
Photographer
Some type of medical career
I might still be in college or just starting my career
Small job
Still in school for being a lawyer
A pediatrician
I'll be out of Minnesota and working as a magazine editor
I still would be in college because I want to be a pediatrician and that is 9 years of college
Having a good job

Math teacher
Vet
Being a computer programmer
Being the head or assistant coach of any college or pro team
Cop
Football player
Actress, director, dolphin trainer-either
In the NBA
I don't know
Not to sure but maybe a woman's sport
I have no clue
Some sort of mechanics
Pro skateboarder
No
Still in college
T.V. broadcaster/news anchor
?
Elementary school teacher, dance teacher, or a professional dancer
Mechanic
Wal-mart
Taking photos of the world
Professional hockey
I don't know
Coaching, substituting
Lawyer or dentist
College
Vet
I'm in college
Military
Working at Wal-mart, Cub Foods, or a clothes store
College or work
A huge chain of skate shops in every state with big business
At the University of Minnesota playing a sport
Pro sport, baseball or hockey
I don't know
A pro hockey coach for the NHL
I would like to become a professional piano player, a composer and a music teacher
Video game testing
Going to college and working

Hockey coach for minor league NHL

Grade 8:

Fighting forest fires
Landscape design
Having a good job in Minnesota
Probably a teacher
Very good, a good job-maybe a teacher
Probably a teacher
Being a nurse at children's hospital in St. Paul Minnesota or maybe still in college to do
That
Going to be an orthodontist
Lawyer
Being a veterinarian
In college for a good job
College
B-ball
Biologist
College
No
Police officer or a rock star
Working at McDonalds
In the army or owning my own business
The air force or having a business
I haven't looked that far into the future yet
Archeologist
Beginning a job in the medical profession. I may take more than 4 years of college
Flipping burgers
Either being a cosmetologist or being a lawyer
Still in college
1million dollars
In Australia with the kangaroos
Lawyer
I don't know
I am going to be an oceanographer/archeologist or an actress
Journalism, traveling
Anything with computers
Studying environmental law or lawyer

On stage or in a studio
Owning my own business
In the military and an architect
NBA
NBA
Work as a welder
Somewhere for doctors or vets
Business management
Being sponsored for biking
I'm not sure yet
Working I hope
Owning my own business
College for 2 years and work after
Taking pictures
I don't know yet
Will be in college maybe
I see myself with a job and a place to live
I would like to go to school to be an orthopedic surgeon
I'm not sure
1 year after college with banking, accounting related job in Seattle, Washington
Teaching or missionary work
I'm not sure, maybe in college or at my job
Still in college
College
Making lots of money
I'm not sure, hopefully with a good job or traveling
Having a well-paying job
Working in a business
Making billions of dollars
Working somewhere with wolves
?
Engineer
Working with computers
Engineering
I don't know
As an archeologist
I'll probably either be graduating form college to still going to college
I might be in college to become a vet or nurse
I see myself working and maybe getting married

Computer programming
Still in college
Teacher
I hope to get a job and work through college. I haven't decided on the career yet but just something simple first
Probably in law school
College
Down the drain
DNR conservation officer
Having a good job I like
Working to save up then school
As a vet or a chemical engineer
I'm not sure
Good
I don't know
I don't know-I'm in 8th grade!
I'm not sure
Photographer
Going to college for massage therapy
I don't know
I don't know
Good job
Going to college for massage therapy
Probably in the woods for DNR or be in a body cart for stunt man
In the woods
I will be a vet
Own my own business
I don't know
IBM in Rochester
I'm going to own my own business
Game designer in the U.K. or pyrotechnics or a smithy
Anthropologist or chain miller or smithy
I hope to either be acting or doing some sort of veterinary work
Just starting a job
Physical therapist
Working as a teacher
I don't know-probably doctor or vet
College
I want to have my own beauty salon
At a low but promising point

Hoping for astronomy
As a person that designs houses
Working
Being a pediatrician
Good DNR job, and graduated from college
?
Second to third year of college, hopefully
Having a house
Having my own apartment/dorm
A type of mechanic
I'll probably be a mechanic
Auto mechanic or welder
Don't know because I'm not sure what I'm interested in
Hopefully in a house with a successful job
I hope to be working as a physical therapist
I don't know
Own a bakery
Working in art, design and special effects hopefully in movies and entertainment
Being a vet
I don't know
ASV, Blandin, or looking for carpentry work
?
College, football, retirement
Maybe in college or just working
Beautician
Still in college
Still in college-I'm going to be a judge
Military
Becoming a professional photographer
Beautician
Pyrotechnition
Being a success
I think I want to be a doctor at the Bemidji hospital or being a veterinarian
Electrician
Good job and a house
Anywhere-I like to work with animals or in that department
As a steady career in the Army and living on base
Getting a job with a teacher's degree
Finding a job related to my degree in college

Being a psychiatrist
A decent job with decent pay after college
Possibly graduate school
Done with 4 years college or in the process
Millionaire
Somewhere
I don't know
I see myself working
Something in business or education see myself either playing pro
basketball in Europe or going to graduate school
College or a decent job
I don't know
No clue
I don't know
Working as a visual basic engineer at Microsoft in Washington
Being a vet
I don't know
Working towards medical service, interior design/housing
Finishing college, looking at different grad schools
Adequate job, married, owning a home, and being educated
Maybe something in the medical field
In California
I don't know
Bigger
I don't know yet
Working somewhere
In the military
I don't know-it depends on how long college takes
Finishing college and getting a good job
Maybe still in school
College
The same
Making computers and video games
I don't know yet
More college to become a lawyer
Architect and building houses
Football
DNR
Computer programming
College to be a lawyer

I would like to be at college studying sports medicine and playing sports
like hockey, tennis, and golf for the U of M
Military
An intern
?
Working at McDonalds
Target
Living with family and working
Playing basketball
Mr. Movies
Done with college and hopefully into something with my degree
Being a cook
I see myself owning a business
Teaching, doctor
I don't know
Engineering or business
Working at McDonalds
Lawn service or military
College
?
Mechanical engineer
College
I don't know
I have no clue what's going on
No idea
Begin in college for 4 years and then get a god job
I don't know
I want to be a secretary
I don't know
I'll have a job
Getting my doctorate degree
Dairy Queen
Architectural design
Flying helicopters
Playing for the Twins
Carpentry
I want to own a donkey
College or military
The NBA and a car designer
Starting the career that I want

Starting as a pediatrician in Grand Rapids or somewhere close
I don't know
I want to own a goat
Well good I guess
Going to college and working
Maybe a physical therapist
I want to be in my first year of law school
Having a well paying job
Finishing college and starting for a translator
Freight handling
Doing well
I don't know-getting high
Almost done with college
Still in college
College or a job
In college or having a job
Working at KFC
Working as a carpenter
College near Nashwauk
A big business
No clue

Grade 9:

I plan to be at college at St. Scholastica, UND, U of M, or UCLA working toward an RN degree
In a big city with a lot of people
Working in the dental field or still learning more for my career
Working on my own horse ranch training and doing furrier work
I don't know
Working as a veterinarian
Doing film and/or radio personality work and getting a degree from Brown University
Going to school to be a pharmacist
In a nursing or something in the medical field
Own a business, make a big corporation, and be a state patrol
At a hospital being a nurse, x-ray technician, or a cook in a really fancy restaurant
I think I'm going to be in school yet. (College)
Still in college
Have a good paying job

I would like to be a writer, but that takes many years
In the business industry
I will still be going to college. I want to be a psychologist
Working as an engineer
A new artist
Playing basketball or opening a business
I will just be graduating college and starting a great job as a nurse
I don't know
Owning a restaurant
?
In the military
No idea
I will still be in college
I don't know
I see it being good
In the air force
I am a famous writer whose books are best sellers, a psychologist who helps people, or a famous historian
Working for a carpentry business
Working
I am hoping on owning my own restaurant and being the head chef
In the military and attending college
Being an auto-mechanic who builds muscle cars
In the designer field
Hopefully on my way to being an astronomer
I don't know but I will be working
I'll be an architect/interior designer
Just starting a fun career making \$60, 000 per year at least and working full time
The career I am hoping to get into is hard to get so I might have a different one, but I see myself ending my practice years and working on my own
Working construction
Getting out of the Air Force and getting a house and spending time with my family
Very successful
Still in college
Almost done with college
In college
Working at McDonald's.

Grade 10:

Computer networking or programming
Teaching in an elementary school
Just starting
Still in the military
I want to be a cosmetologist or a massage therapist
Being a cosmetologist
Hopefully working as a psychologist
Somewhere in the science field
With a good, high paying job
Have a job and be supporting a family and myself
Orthodontics
Either married, working at a low paying job, or just finishing school
Don't know, probably school
I plan on being an electrician along with a volunteer fireman, so if the electrician plan doesn't go thru I am going to school to be a fireman
Famous
Starting my RN career
Successful
Flourishing. I plan to be on the right track for a wonderful career; possibly still in college
Good
I'm not sure what kind of career I want to go into
Just starting because I would have just finished college
Working with a family and 2 kids
Military work
Being in a band and becoming a drummer
Still in college
I'll still be going to college, getting more education in my career
College, working
Probably starting to get a job or still in college
I'll be graduated from college and looking for a job in being a forensic science technician
Living with my parents
Blimp operator
Living by myself and working
I don't know
Pharmacist

Pro Bass Fisherman
8-year college to be a vet
In school working to get my masters in nursing
Owner of a business
I'll be a registered nurse
Have a good paying job
Still in college with a job on the side
Having a business
As a pharmacist
College or graduated college
Hopefully owning my own hair salon or working in one
Computer technology
I see my career just beginning and just getting done with college
Going to the Air Force Academy to become a pilot
Having a job and I might still be in college depends what I want to go for
I see my career as a job that I want and a job I'll go on
Working somewhere
Very well maybe a god job
As a multibillion air stock holder
Pretty good
Successful in my career, finish college and start in a small town then work my way up Child care
Computer business
Wherever it is
Still in school getting my P H D in neuroscience
A starting job at a local business
A business in Montana
A solid job capable of paying expenses
Still in college
I don't know yet
Still in college
I want to be a well-known accountant or banker
I see my own business just starting and working up
Working or possibly in med. School
Still in school, grad school
On the rise
I will still be in college for medicine or law
Interior design, marketing manager, business manager
Probably in a film related job, director or one of the many people that go into producing film

I plan to be in law school
Still in school
That's kind a hard to think of right now
I would like to see myself starting my life, moving to a comfortable place
and start a career I love
Just out of college looking for a job anywhere I am needed or where the
most help is needed
In college
Don't know
College grad school
All ready started
Financially strong
Probably still in college
Still going to a university to become a physicist, biochemist or pharmacist
In the dumpster
Forester
Working for a company in either heating and air conditioning or
appliance repair
I don't know I cant see into the future
In college, vet school
Fun, steady and good income
Working at a car dealership or owning it
Being a business manager of some sort
A student teacher or having more EMT classes
At a tech school or something like that
I don't know
Police officer
Blossoming
Psychologist
Working as a French teacher in the US or being a secretary
Becoming a carpenter or a mechanic
I hope to have successfully completed or almost completed college and in
search of a lifetime job
Working as an accountant for my dad
Working hard, getting good money
Applications out for a career, starting cancer business movement,
engineering; working on the corner/ hooker
Not totally sure yet
Don't know, architect
Computer programming

I don't know, I want to do something fun that I will enjoy going to every
day, owning my own business
Making some decent money doing something I like
Booming
Carpentry
Sacramento, CA
I don't know
Working labor
Don't know
Being a social worker or psychiatrist
Working as an engineer
After military a tech school
Beginning my job as a computer engineer
Military
Very good career, maybe a vet
Having a nice job, girlfriend, and nice land like a house
In school doing something with computers
I plan to work in a field research biologist
Comedian, photography career or school
I want to do something either dealing with crime cases (law) or children
Making a lot of money at a job I like and having fun
Just started for one year, manufacturing parts for construction equipment
Start teaching physical education and health
Mechanics
Graduating from a university going into a real job
Being a steam fitter
I will be attending medical school
College still
Pro MX rider, pro snocross rider
Working in carpentry or some kind of multimedia/ video thing
I have no idea
In the military
Dancing on music videos.

Grade 11:

Working in a welding shop or in the mines
I don't even know what I want to do yet
In the military
Just out of college and trying to get a job
Still in college

At a Krispy Kreme
No clue
I don't know
Working somewhere
High school social studies teacher
Probably working for the air force
Driving semi-trucks
Still in college
In a clean and good money
I see me in Minnesota or a state around here doing my job. I want to be a dental assistant
I'll still be in college
In school or have a job working with animals
A good paying career
I'm going to be a registered nurse in the Army or Air Force
Finishing school
Married and a mom
Married, a mom, and ready to be a stay at home
No idea
In grad school
Where it was when I started
As a high school history teacher
Some thing in Chemistry or Math
I don't know
Hopefully starting to prosper
Somewhere away from here
Just beginning
I don't even know what I want to be
Still in College
Somewhere
Just beginning
Computer programmer
In Minnesota
I will just have finished college and may decide to specialize in a degree, if not I will have a job started in that field
I see myself as a peace officer
Starting my carrier
Still trying to find a job after getting a degree
Graduate school, getting a social work degree
Graduating from college and getting a job

Don't know
One year out of college, possibly still going to school, in a first year job/ apprenticeship
College PHD
Still in college getting my degree for a lawyer
I'll probably still be in college, I don't know what I would do
CO for Minnesota
Having the ability to open a daycare center
Working in the union
Hopefully out of college and into my job at a hospital some where
I have no clue where I will be
I have no idea yet, maybe working at my moms shop
Maybe still in college maybe not, maybe married
Teaching elementary, getting married and maybe starting a family
Hopefully starting some sort of chemistry career
In Colorado being an accountant in a realty company
Either out of college working a full time job or still in college and having a part time job
Starting a construction/ carpentry company
I see myself in jail without a career
Hopefully baseball or business and starting a home
Starting my job as a c.o.
I see myself owning my own business
In college, majoring in graphic design or becoming an English teacher
Going to a community college then go to a 4 year college for teaching
Physical therapist or chiropractor
Auto mechanic
Electrician
Either still in Air Force or tech college
No idea
In college
I see myself owning a business
College
Hopefully playing football or working as a king crab fisherman
College
Just starting
No idea
Playing in a band
I can see myself doing something with art and swim coach
Finishing an apprenticeship

Being a vet assistant, either in Grand Rapids MN or somewhere out of the state
Just finishing up college graduating from it and looking for a job in my degree
I would just be in my first year of my career and trying my new life
Still in school for what I want to be
CO for Minnesota
Computers
Either still in college or working at a company
Just starting
Either still in college, or having a job teaching, or a job on TV as a sports broadcaster
Finishing school
In the acting business;
Law enforcement
Be a hairstylist and maybe a nurse on the side.

Grade 12:

As a probation officer
Being successful
Still in college
Becoming a nurse
Working with disabled people
I'll still have one year of college left
Plumbing-doing well with company, still in college
Deciding whether to enlist in the air force or find another job
Working with something related to criminal justice to pay off my huge college debt
Working
In huge debt!! Trying to get a job-hopefully a good one
I will be a probation officer
Working or college
?
Either teaching or med school
Making money
Not sure
I might still be in school
Living in California doing stage or screen work as an actor
I don't know
I don't know

Not sure
School
Have my own company
Doing what I want to do for the rest of my life
Being an RN at a local hospital or clinic
Working as a cosmetologist and still going to school studying psychology
Starting as an engineer
Still in college
Salary manager at Burger King
Working saving money to open own business
High paying job and high education
I don't know
Very strong, we will always need military
I want to graduate from a Swiss university, most likely in a science study and then hopefully find a job
Working in my career choice
Working
Finishing up college and starting my career
ICC
Still in school
Hopefully finishing school then finding a teaching job
Some type of field in art or design
Most likely still in school or just graduated
Still working construction or masonry
Oceanography in California
Graduating college depending on what I go for
In hell fallen flat on my face and becoming a worthless wreck
Just starting our after college
Graduate school
Hopefully working while getting my PhD.
Getting a masters
Getting out of college and teaching in a school
Graduating college and beginning my career as a Director of Christian Education
Graduate school-internship in government or business related field
I see myself working and going to graduate school for a doctorate in physical therapy
In grad school
I will be in my last year in college

Finishing up college, maybe getting a masters or starting out in a business field
Unknown
Graduate school
Internship
I hope to have gotten a teaching degree but I worry about there being available jobs in this area. I would like to teach here
International politics
Internship for professional career
Undecided
Getting off to a good start or maybe grad school
Possibly med school or pharmacy
Working behind the scenes of TV
Mechanical engineering
Probably just getting started but hopefully successful
Still in college
Just getting out and starting a business if possible or still in school
Still in school or a business just getting off the ground
No idea
Mechanical and chemical engineer
I don't know
Just started
Still in college
Still working
Just starting
?
Student teaching
College still
Mortuary science
Working with computers
Owning my own spa somewhere out of Minnesota
Hopefully just starting-something in marketing or business in California
I am not sure
Traveling
Sports therapy or physical therapy
I have no idea
Andes University, Columbia or McAlester MN if I can
?
Working for a business or planning mission trips and traveling on them for a business called A.I.M

Still in college
Working somewhere-I don't know
College or entering the workforce
Owning my own business
Either graduating from college or going to graduate school
In something business related

What do you want community leaders to know about the future of the Itasca County area?

Grade 7:

It's a good place to live
It's a good place to live
It's too cold
Don't know
Its calm and not to busy
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
About computers
I think they should know that we have good schools and even better students
I want them to know I am a hard worker
I might work in technology
Unsure
I don't know
If you don't act now I will die
I don't know
Teenagers need to be more under control
That there are some jobs that earn a great deal of money
What?
?
I don't know
If we don't take care of the county we won't have that much stuff and less tourists
There might be a giant huge gigantic hurricane with lots of Eskimos
That it sucks
I don't know
I don't know
?
If we don't take care of it, we won't have anything nice
That we don't have that many jobs
It's going to be a great land of opportunities
It's a nice place to live

?
?
Nothing
That it is a good place to live
It will prosper
Fix the airport road better
Not sure
?
I have served my country
I don't know
More local parks, we don't have many
?
We need a skate park
That we need something to attract people
That it's not run good enough
I don't know
It is a really bad county to live in
No
It has a good future
I don't know
?
I think we have a bright future
Not sure
I don't know
It is pimp
It's deteriorating from pollution
Get a job
That we are spending money unwisely, like on Highway 2 when it could just be patched
Mr. Muster is a stud
I don't know
?
That it is awesome
?
It is a good community
????
None
That it will be good
Not much
?

Yes
I don't know
Teenagers are too wild
Nothing
?
Re-tar all of the roads
Animals will be safe
That it's usually a good, nice, safe area
I don't know
A better mall
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
That it will be very technological
I don't know
?
?
No
It's good; they're doing a great job
?
Nothing
Nothing
Pollution
Growing...
Don't know
That it is a great county to live and work in
It has very good schooling
That this is a good community
I don't know, that it's a good place to raise kids
Try to get a bigger population and more businesses
That it is a great area
I don't know
It is a good place to live
We need more jobs
Don't know
That we should have a large college
?
That Itasca County is a very nice, peaceful community
It should be the exact same
I don't know

We need more activities that are not school related and are free of charge
because many people can't afford to go to the movies, roller-
skating, bowling, and so on.
?
I don't know
?
That lots of kids are into drugs and that the school lunches suck
Bad roads
Not anything that I know of
There's too many young people doing drugs and drinking and their future
is in trouble
Nothing
?
They need more jobs in Northern Minnesota
? What ever that question means...
We need to stop the meth problem and bring more stores in
That it is a good county
Poop
Don't know
?
They have great citizens here
Our roads are horrible
That it's changing all the time and they have to keep up with it
I do not know
Working either as a mechanic or as a pro dirt biker
We need better roads
Don't know
Don't know
?
That there are a lot of talented people
?
Skateboarding is not a crime
Nothing because I probably won't be living here
We should have more stores
Our population seems to be dropping
Nothing
That it is a good place
I don't know
Pick up trash on the side of the road
That it is great

Without letting stores like Kohls, JCPenney, and Younkers Itasca County
is loosing business to Duluth, Fargo, and the Twin Cities
It is going to stay probably where it is
I don't know
Don't know
Nothing
I don't know-that it is a nice place to live
I don't know to make it safer
Don't know

Grade 8:

?
I don't know
To stop building homes all over the place
It stinks-you can't have any fun
It's going downhill form where it was a few years ago
I don't know
That not everything teens do is bad, that if someone would try to fight for
a place for teens to hang out so they would stay out of trouble
That it needs more Burger Kings
We need to find a way to get more of a population
The town is growing?
Don't know
It is growing
The county will grow and we'll become a retirement place
That it will become a retirement county
?
Nice people
Nice people
Flying in planes
Flying airplanes in the army
It will do well
No
?
We should conserve our natural resources
Yes
Nothing
That it has stupid laws
A lot of people who live here will move to the cities or other states
We have the most lakes

We have the most lakes
We have the most lakes
?
Kids can easily get into things they shouldn't
Kids need more discipline
We don't need a bigger town we need better people
The Carlson Muffler shop is great
Investing more money into schools would help education
Nothing
It's not my job to know
I want them to keep activities for kids inside and outside of school
Itasca is a good place to live
I don't know
That I hope it doesn't turn into a huge town
It will grow
?
?
Needs new roads
More job opportunities
I'm not sure. I guess just to make decisions for the people
Nothing
It's a nice place to live
?
Small populations are great and keep heavy forested areas
That it is a great place to live
?
I don't know
That it will look the same
To get rid of taxes
That it's fun
Not sure
It's going to be bigger
It's growing and it'll be more economical
?
We are pimps
I don't know
That they helped me get where I am today
That these school budget cuts need to end and they need to do something
about it

The town needs more places for teens to hang out at. That's why most kids do drugs because they have nothing else to do
I don't know
???
Nothing is going to be here
Nothing, I won't be here to care
It needs to be full of wildlife, forest, and not too many factories and stores
Going good
I think that people aren't going to come to Grand Rapids because there aren't a lot of jobs and it isn't expanding
There will be no tourists and less people wanting to move here because there is nothing in this town that interests people
?
?
It is a great town
That I'm crazy so don't arrest me
I don't really have anything to say
I don't really know
Strong community
I don't know
I don't care
Nothing
Nothing
Itasca County sucks
It's probably going to get larger
We need more jobs for younger people
We need more jobs for younger people, gas prices could get too high and people can't afford it
Places where people go into rehab should not be set up here
It's getting bigger
Quit giving so many tests
It will probably improve
That I'm a good kid
I don't know
It is a great place
There are a lot of people
I don't know
That it's going to grow and have more opportunities
It is a very beautiful area and people are slowly killing it with air pollution and littering

?
I don't know
I would want them to know that it should stay the same
Nothing
We have good schools
We need to keep our area clean
Nothing
All aspects of politics
Money doesn't grow on trees
Animals and nature should be appreciated and taken care of
I don't know
Don't tear any more trees down
It is going to be good
I think that if more jobs aren't opened up families will start moving away
Yes
Nothing for teens to do
It will have more stores
I have no clue
What a great place it is-opportunity, workforce, and substantial housing
They need to work to preserve the old pines behind the Cub Food area; need to provide good, supporting jobs
I don't know
Nothing more than they do
I don't know
I don't know
Kids are the future
It's rowing-defiantly
?
It will be a huge metro area
Its sweet
?
Itasca County has a lot of growth possibilities
I don't know
Not much
Cut down on pollution
I like challenges
I don't know
I don't know
Nothing
I don't know

No idea
Everyone does drugs
Not to make dumb businesses and stores like Isabella and Izzy's
Yes
That it is great
School isn't everything
I don't know
The population is growing rapidly
We're losing people. Let's fight for our rights
I think the school systems will be strong
None
?
No
Nothing
You've done your part parents; it's the youth's turn
It's a short one
Nothing
Good place
?
Education problems in teacher wages and insurance/side benefits
Don't know
That it will be cool
Nothing
That they should keep the mines open
Try to keep the mines open
That it is a great place to live and I hope it will also stay like that
That it is very cool place and that we need to help out eh environment a little
Stop taking down trees
It's a nice place to be. It's a moneymaker
That is should become a cleaner, safer place
It doesn't look good
It is going to be better
N/A
It smells bad
There is going to be a lot more mining space needed
I don't know
I don't know
That they will have good workers

That there are a lot of young kids smoking and they should try to do something about it
They have good sport programs
It's a fun place to live
George Bush
Nothing

Grade 9:

There are not a lot of activities to just do; there are lots of sign-up activities
But none to do on the spur of the moment
More younger families,
Cheaper housing,
Higher paying jobs and more education to work there.
It will be good
We as kids need more places that we can hang out so we don't get into trouble
Keep the mines open so our community will grow
?
That it sucks
Yes, I think they should prepare jobs and/or career-building programs
That Itasca County has good schooling
I don't know
That it will have a poor future
It is kind of fun
It's going to be crap
Nothing
?
More things for kids to do to keep them out of trouble
Bad roads and no four-wheeler trails
There needs to be more places for kids to go or more jobs for teens
It is fun, has deer hunting, and is an easy place to live
?
There is not going to be enough jobs
There needs to be more shops and other activities around here before everybody leaves this place
Have more for teens to do. There is almost nothing got do so teens find other thing to do, like drugs and smoking and that's not good, duh...Maybe open a small coffee shop-there seem to be enough in Paris

Jobs are decreasing
That jobs are decreasing. Jobs DO NOT pay enough up in Northern
Minnesota
?
Get better economy on the Range
That everybody needs to work together if they plan on having a nice
county
I don't know
Nothing
I don't know
It may get better, it may get worse
All the towns are getting g trashier and not well kept

Grade 10:

That there will be many more jobs available
Nothing
More people will move to this small area and the pay here is low
We need more jobs
Having a good vet
Tell them to look at how many things there are besides sports for us
teenagers to do
?
Take care of it
Needs more job opportunities
That it's boring
Better jobs
They need to bring in more mass jobs somehow
Where it's going and how they're going to get the job situation better
They should spend more money on the community and environment
instead of on stupid things like a new city garage and then only
pave half the road
I'm not sure. I'm not going to live here after high school graduation
More recreational opportunities for students
It needs something to appeal to people so they stay in the area
That we should have more teen activities outside of school and a bigger
shopping mall
Four-wheelers will be legal with no registrations
That is something isn't done it won't be good
Make changes
It's good

It sucks
If we don't get more jobs and people in this area young people will leave
town and this area will die
It can be used and will be a great place to work
That is may get better
That there aren't many winners
Nothing
I don't know
Nothing
That it shouldn't change
Don't know
Grow and be more populated
We need more business
That our town is out of control
Itasca County blows
It will grown and many new businesses will come
Need better roads
None
To improve, we need more job opportunities
I think the community is going to have less people, because the younger
people will leave and the population will be older with less people
That there will be a lot of smart workers in the future
No idea
There should be more people in work, stop cutting our school budget, I
don't want to loose the marching band
Doesn't matter
They should stop taking money from schools if they expect a future
I think the community leaders should be more involved with us kids
because we are the future, kids sometimes feel as if the adults do not care
for us and think of us as a nuisance
That I think we need to look at the poverty rate in Itasca and drug issues
I don't know; that its on the right track, education is the most important
thing
That it could possibly lose population if we do not attract more people
It is very poor and high unemployment, many kids drop out of school
because teachers are unable to access their learning style
That if they don't put more emphasis on education and more money into
it the future wont be as bright, no super Wal-mart
We need more jobs for people

I want them to know that we don't need to be a big city/area (urban), I like the size of our community urban-wise
That it is a growing city and we need higher employment rates
We will always be a strong and focused community
It's a nice place
I think Itasca County spends too much on superficial ideas
Watch out for education cuts
They desperately need to work on the high unemployment rate, high poverty rate, high drinking rate and high teen pregnancy rate. To see all of that changed and a better place to raise kids
We need money for non-sports related activities, because there is too little emphasis on fine arts
Need more business in the area
That the out skirts of Grand Rapids are becoming the desired living place
We need more jobs
That they have to watch out for people cause there are some that cause problems
There are very talented kids about to come out of Itasca
Not sure
Pop machines don't have enough variety
Don't know
It will be run by robots
You can never keep everyone from skateboarding
It is growing and has great possibilities
Nothing
It has a good future in production, supply and demand
It will get bigger
Rapidly growing fast
That skateboarding is not illegal no matter what
Make the roads better to drive on
To keep the roads good
It's a nice place and new places are coming
Lacking entertainment facilities
It is not getting any better with job cuts, in our school
We need more places for high school students to work other than fast food places
Don't know
Everyone smokes pot, and consumes too many drugs and many people don't care that's why our town is not "popular"
That I am a P.I.M.P.

A lot of old people are coming
There is a lot of illegal stuff going on
We need more for kids to do, places to hang out
I'm gonna rip there s**t up
It's a great place to live
Nothing
The town is getting old, with younger people having baby's our schools are being filled
That the future of this community is in our hands and as young people we should get the opportunity and right to make some changes and/or decisions for Itasca County
A lot of drugs and its not good and this town is super boring and that is why they do them and I don't like that environment so I'm moving even if it is not Europe
Careful
They should know about the community drug problem
The youth knows and cares, use us

Grade 11:

That it is a very nice place to settle
It's going to get bigger and better, more jobs
You need to progress in time while changing the area with it
There's not much around here
We need to move away to make a living
It will be a ghost town over ran by drugs
Warren Stolp head of Cloverdale
Need more entertainment
Nothing
Good jobs
There are no penguins here
Maybe a new mine up north, less jobs until then, Nashwauk/Keewatin could become a mining town
Let in more businesses
I don't care I guess
That the school budget needs to be dealt with also the teachers really care about their students
Nothing, keep fighting to stop a Wal-mart super center from coming in
There aren't enough jobs, becoming a retirement community. We need some exciting new business to jump-start our community

There is nothing fun for kids to do around and the few things to do always involve money
Where the area is going economically
That it is growing and growing more and more each year
It's a redneck dump
Needs to change before it is a complete retirement community
I don't know
It should be kept clean and be still focused on family and preserving our community Nothing
Keep it family orientated and not turn into a larger city
Community leaders probably know more than I do about the Itasca county area, so I don't want them to know any more
Need to have more high paying jobs in this area
More jobs need to be available so people will live here
We need to do something to keep the small town atmosphere and support local business
It needs more jobs
That it should be a safe place
It's cool
It sucks
To strengthen other industries
It's awesome
That it's going downhill
To watch how teachers teach, and keep the ones that care
I don't know
They seem to know everything.....
It's a nice place
A great place to raise a family with a grade A education, and teachers that are willing to work with you
Kids do a lot of drugs
It is going to grow
That it's good
That it is falling apart
That it's a great place for people to retire in also a good place for kids to grow up in
We have to much crime
Don't know
It's f****d
There are not enough teen activities in our town
It's a nice area and it is growing everyday

That they need to keep it clean and a safe place
Nothing
It sucks
It's going to drop in population unless you bring more jobs to the community;
Make it better and more safe
Too many drugs are in this town and this county doesn't even know the what the future holds for many people, technology, arrests
That it is a nice area to live in
It's becoming a vacation area for older people , there is really nothing for today and the upcoming generation to do for fun
If you have not noticed, this area is developing in to a retirement community.

Grade 12:

More jobs
It's looking bright with all the additions we are making to the area
It needs more jobs to keep people here. And better tourist attractions to make money
I don't know, I like it here
Nothing
It's growing
Nothing
That we need to look out for each other
Nothing but a retirement area
It seems to be headed into a retirement community
It/s going better
I want Grand Rapids to stay the same way so I can but a house or cabin here when I get older
Need to upgrade to a more technical county
This town is too corrupted for young kids
That its going downhill
It's all about last names in this town
Nothing
There must be more things to attract young people
It is boring
I like it the way it is
I believe that if people want to leave then let them but there will always be a place to live in MN
The union and minimum wage

The bad roads
I don't know
That the jobs are dwindling and young people are not staying
We have way too much crime
That it is a good place to live
The cops need to be nicer and focus more on meth heads then kids
drinking and not wearing seat belts
Keep Grand Rapids small
I hope you like drugs because that's what the biggest income in the area is
Get the meth heads
Old people will take over
That this town is boring
It's going to grow fast
Drugs will go up
I hate this area
That I'm leaving so don't worry. Haha
Educating the young is very important (kind of hard to do without money)
It will be doomed if drugs/alcohol problem stays the same and if there are
not more job opportunities
The Itasca County Area needs more places for teens. The Ground Floor
doesn't cut it. It's a dirty place. If you want teens to stay away from drugs
and alcohol you have to give them something to do
Its going to hell
There aren't enough jobs
There isn't anything to do up here until summer;
There needs to be more jobs because everyone is going to the Cities for
jobs
They should have more centrally located kids' hangouts
It's sweet
The kids are the future. Help them. LEAD THEM!!!
I believe that sec education should be taken more seriously-our country
has the high teen pregnancy rates
It's alright
The number of jobs for teens is slim
This is a northern get away location and very peaceful
It's dying and something needs to be done
It's growing
Hwy 2
They need to listen to what youth want
It needs to focus on getting younger people to move here, not move away

It is continually going to grow so we need to make sure it happens in the
best way possible
There are some very strong students coming out of high school but just as
long as you can keep them in the area
It needs economic development
Need more business for younger generation
Need more money, lacking school and infrastructure
I don't know
It's a beautiful place and I think I'll move back at some point;
You need to cater to education. The future of Grand Rapids depends on
those students. You want to give them every possible opportunity
available including internships and good job opportunities, community
involvement and leadership as well as educational opportunities. Also
that super Wal-mart will be very hard on our local economy. Use
Hibbing as an example, that that business is a destructive force against all
local business
The coming generation does not have a strong foundation to base its
morals on
About the people-jobs for people and the awful statistics of this country If
a super Wal-mart goes into Grand Rapids it will destroy the economy of
the town, as well as the economy of nearby towns
It should stay distinctive and beautiful-there are enough commercial
towns other places
If we get a super Wal-mart the economy of Grand Rapids will die. We
need jobs that will bring college graduates to the Itasca area
Too many big businesses are coming and keeping smaller businesses from
starting out
That the education system is suffering. By being in sports you are more
apt to be a team player and by taking away all ninth grade sports it will be
seen in school
We are in an economic crisis
Education should be more important, I wish foreign languages importance
would be more stressed at a younger age
If it wants to thrive jobs need to be more available and better paying
That I can't believe I cannot find a job for this summer that would be desk
work
That we can't keep going with this school budget
It's going downhill
Without major injections in the market place, things could fail

What would motivate you to live and work in the Itasca County area?

Grade 7:

Nothing unless it was a lot of money or a girl
Family business
A good job
Warmer weather
A good education
A million dollars
More jobs
Lots of money
Good paying job and a good house
If it were bigger and there was more money
If it paid good money
If it paid good money
Nothing
Hot women
My family would be close
Nothing
?
What?
If I had friends and family working in the same area that I would live and work in
Better environment
Maybe friends and family
To be with my family and friends
To be near my birthplace and parents
I am growing up in the area
Friends
I can see my friends and my family
It's my home county
The outdoor life and lakes. All the teaching that I could do
Money
Nothing
Nothing
Money and family
Family and money
Better school
Better schools

That land and the weather is usually nice
More animal care businesses
I don't know
Global warming
I grew up here
My family
This is the place I grew up
Money
My friends and family
A good job that I enjoy
Not crowded, it's clean for the most part
Staying close to family and its peacefulness
Work
More...I don't know
My job
If it were bigger
I don't know
I like it here
Good pay
The kinds of jobs
Friends
My family
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Make it not an old people town
If it was warmer
My family is here
Bigger stores and nice roads/community facilities
Skate park or place to skate
That it's my hometown
It's close to my family
More social activities and more stores
I don't know
Nothing
I'm not even really sure what motivates me yet
Family and friends
Better main road by mall and airport road
Supplies
If someone gives me \$1,000,000

To know that I can get a good education and job here
Better jobs
The animals and shopping
Nothing, I want to move to live with my mom
I've lived here all my life
The people
Nothing
I don't know
If there was more basketball courts
Nothing (family a little)
My family and friends
Nothing I already like it
A good b-ball team
The nice stuff it has but Grand Rapids Mall needs to get bigger
My family is here
People are usually nice and my family lives here
My birthplace
I don't know
Very nice and peaceful town and family
I grew up here
If all my friends and family lived right next to me
My family
Nothing
Nothing
I grew up here
Nothing
That it would be a safer place
Nothing
Nothing
Being near my family
Nothing
No
?
Me
Nothing
Everything
My family
Nothing
To be around my family and friends
I am close to my family

Better stores
Nothing
If I get a '67 Shelby GT 500
A lot of money and a change in the weather
More basketball stuff
More community events and activities
Good pay
More people
A good teaching job or a nice shop to open
Nothing because there are not a lot of jobs
To know that I am helping people and lives of other people
Having more shopping places and fixing the city up
If there was a big college like Duke or North Carolina in the Itasca
County
My family mainly and I like it here. The community is great and there is
a great schooling system.
I don't know
A better college for sports, particularly basketball and a great education
My hometown, good atmosphere
I don't know
More jobs and stores
Better jobs and more places to buy things
Better weather and more shopping places
I don't know
Small town reputation
I don't know, it depends on my job
Um, good jobs
A down town street
Better buildings
Family
My favorite cousin Ben
Nothing
Nothing
Stay by my family
Nothing
?
?
My parents live here, good clean community, good business, and
beautiful lakes for fishing
Better roads

It is my home
Have more community events
I don't know
My family
Nothing, well a good job
Sports
More jobs and better shopping
Nothing
Better infrastructure
Don't know
Nicer buildings and roads
I have a lot of friends and family who live here
Nothing
Right now...nothing
The jobs are really good and the really good weather
Having an ocean near (this is impossible)
Let people skateboard in town
Lots of money
Higher standards
Don't know
People
If we had more commercial shops and a better economy
Nothing
Jobs
My family
Nothing
Better roads
Nothing
Better roads
I wouldn't
Nothing
Nothing
The schools
My family and friends
If there were better restaurants and better jobs
It is where I grew up
More fun stuff to do in the summer
Good paying jobs
Better education
Skateboard Park

Farming, animals
My family is here and it is a good place to relax
An NBA team moves to Grand Rapids
I don't know
I grew up here and all my family is here
If it had bigger towns
Don't know
Not to busy, family and friends
Nice quiet place
Better jobs, better shopping (big chains)
Home sweet home
The people are nice and helpful
I like the area
I don't know
The scenery
Professional hockey team stationed here
My parents live here
My family lives here
Good hunting
My family
Nothing or a lot of money
Nothing
Better shopping centers, more jobs, and better economical development
Good work force
The jobs have better pay than \$10.50 an hour-my dad got paid \$31 an hour working in the cities
Family and the people
A less skateboarding laws
Better college teams
Don't know
Lots of people live here that I know so I wouldn't feel alone
The nice people
Nothing
I know lots of people that live here

Grade 8:

Being around woods and lakes for hunting and fishing
The scenery
The real big paycheck
Owning a successful business like Target

A real big paycheck
Nothing
If there were more people and it was bigger
Better jobs and a better town
It is where I've lived all my life
Good money, family
500 dollars an hour
Sports
Not making the NBA
Nothing
No
No
Nothing, this place is great
Getting free food from McDonalds
Family and friends
My family and friends and I really love this place
This is where most of my family lives
If people will look out where they are going when they are driving
Nice people
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Skate Park
More money
Nothing
The countryside
If it had better job offers, more acting classes and performing arts
Nothing
Better jobs
Larger population
Nothing
Town like people, stores
Less dumb laws
Nothing
The land and all the wooded area
I wouldn't
?
Close to home
More places to skate and bike
Don't know

You should have a teen center where people will stay out of trouble
Farming
The work, lakes, and recreation
If they actually had a place where all the kids to go and have fun
My friends
Blooming economy
A cleaner area to live in
Family
Family reasons
Nothing
Warmer weather
If it had better weather and better activities and family
A good job
Family
Better jobs, more population, and bigger cities
Family
More diversity
Not too many people
My friends and family
Nothing, Itasca County is good enough
My family is here
Family and friends
Better jobs and pay and better shopping
Lots of things to do and for my kids to do
If we got a mall in Grand Rapids
The lakes and wildlife
The lakes and the environment
Good business and processing
More things to do
Mountains, less people
Scenery
More jobs in the law field
My dad
Higher pay (dumb question)
The woods
Because I grew up here and I like it here
Better pay
If it was bigger and had more people
The roads being done right, how well or how many jobs you could take
If someone over ran the system to form an anarchy

Friends
Free games, house, and no bills
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
More shopping malls
Better shopping areas
Nothing
My family and friends are here and I like it here
The woods and my friends
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
None. It is boring here
Nothing because I've lived here my whole life and I want to experience
different places
The fishing and hunting and also the lakes
Nothing
Nothing
I don't know
Friends, family and any open jobs
Family
Better and more jobs around the area
Nothing
Money and nice people
Nothing
If it grew to like 3 million people
More businesses and stores and homes. The town needs to be bigger
Lots of people moving here
I was born here
Nothing
Blah blah blah
My family and friends
If I had money to start a business
Trees, woods, nice area
More self-owned businesses
More money, big town
Money doesn't grow on trees
The scenery

Having a good job that I enjoy
Money doesn't grow on trees
The woods
Money/jobs
Family
Something that I was passionate about is here
Nothing-it sucks here
I don't know
Because of the leaves and trees
Hot babes and free food
Nothing
The great community, not too populated
Money
Nothing
If everyone that I know moved up here
If there's a job that I like
Nothing
Don't know
Chicks and food
?
I have lived here all my life
Not too many people
Town becomes bigger with younger people and less older people-we need
more clothes stores
Free pizza
Having a good hospital and education resources
I already live here and I don't want to leave
A good job
No hurricanes, little tornadoes
Lack of options
Be by family members and friends
Having just good people in the community
Because I grew up here
A good job with good pay
Not much
?
Nothing
I don't know
Ice cream
?

The nice community and scenery
Nothing
Location and pay
I don't know
A Microsoft corporate office
I don't know
Family and friends
Clean lakes, lots of trees, good jobs, good education system with good teachers
Lower population distribution, privately owned businesses
I have no idea
Nothing
Having a movie studio
Nothing
It is safe
Good jobs and good education options like good schools
It's my home
Nothing
More jobs
Good places to shop-especially for food
If there were more jobs to help support a family. I already want to live here
More people, more job opportunities
Small towns
If they get a Hot Topic or Spencer's
A lot of jobs
There's a Sam Goody and a Wal-Mart where I could have my games sold
The scenery and the feeling of being in a forested area
Dirt bikes
Money
Family
Softy
The people
Higher pay
Nothing
Knowing that I grew up here
My family
Nothing
Nothing
The outdoors

I don't know
More fun things to do
Nothing, I'm going to live here
Family
Jobs
Nicer people
Nothing
I'd live with my mom
The fact that I grew up here
Family and friends
I don't know
Nothing
More pay for workers
Nothing
If the population got bigger and there was more stuff to do
No drugs or hippies
I don't know
I don't know
I don't know
Get more stuff to do, better malls
I don't know
I think the recreation
My own house
Not sure
Lakes
More job choices
Hunting and fishing
Building more houses and buildings
All the hot guys
A nice little lake home
If there was a job opening here
More places to work
My family and friends
Higher paying jobs
Jobs for artists
Nothing
Nice place to live and good fishing
Kyle being the ruler
If I could get a high paying job
Good hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and snowmobile places

To live close to my family and friends
More demand for lawyers and a good pay
Having everyone and everything safer
Languages
Nothing
Good pay
The peace and quiet
More people and more jobs
The great pieces of nature we have and great business
If the area was better
Nothing
It has always been my home
My family and friends
Fishing
Family

Grade 9:

Make the towns look nicer
Family and friends
Nothing
I don't know
Nothing
More things to do
If we had more and better paying jobs
Nothing because I don't want to live here
Nothing really
Better weather, no skanks, no drugs
I don't know, I already like it here
Nothing
If there were more jobs in Minnesota and a decent pay
Better jobs
More jobs
More things to do I guess-movie theaters, coffee shops, malls-just when
you are not working it helps take time off-It gives you more time
to do the things you like
More activities openings, such as a good dance program
I want to leave Minnesota
If it had more businesses
This is my home
No murders or burglaries, easy and cheap houses

More job opportunities
Nothing
Less taxes and higher wages
Family, hunting and fishing
Good paying jobs and many services
Nothing
Nothing
?
For it to be a bigger town
If they got more stuff in the area
Nothing
Nothing
It's a nice place
If I get a really good job
If my family moved up here
Winning the lottery up here
The drugs and alcohol use to leave and businesses to come in
My family-that's all
Available jobs in my career field that I could make a living off of
More job options
Money
This is where all my friends and family live and I would like to be close
to them
It is a nice place to be
Maybe if there were more choices to work;
More younger families
Cheaper housing, higher paying jobs
More activities other than restaurants, we have enough
Heck no
Nothing.

Grade 10:

Friends
Good business and job opportunities
Nothing
More work
It depends on the population of the area
Jobs that pay good
If I get a high-paying education
Family

The at-home feeling
People that live there
If they had good paying jobs with good benefits that I can have until I retire
Itasca growth and cleaning of the area
Just all the cool things here motivates me
Nothing, my family lives in the St. Louis County area
Its not so crowded
If the job rate went out
More jobs and opportunities
Raising minimum wage
That fact of 80 acres v. the middle of nowhere by no one
More work opportunities and I grew up around here
More opportunities and larger cities
More businesses
Good job
Myself
Intern opportunities
Nothing would. I want to see the world
Nicer people and actually hiring me if I apply
Good job opportunities and good living conditions
If it grows big enough to have a job in forensics in this area
Easy jobs and free theme parks
Nothing!! Itasca sucks
Coaching sports
Fewer workers
More good fishing spots for my kids
More jobs
More people, more activities, bigger city i.e. shopping malls and stores
Woods, place to live, low taxes, contract
To have more recreation things around here
Nothing
I don't know, my family maybe
Nothing
More work and things to do
Being close to my family
Nothing
Better stores and more population
Nothing
Better entertainment, different jobs

Higher pay
The outdoors
Offer more jobs
People here are really nice and its like a huge family
Jobs and money
Nothing
Nothing
Friends and family
Better pay and more work opportunities
Safe environment and good pay
If it had hundreds of years of history like it has in Europe
Safer place to raise kids
Family and friends
Not staying here
Higher pay, less mosquitoes
More job opportunities
I want my kids to grow up in this area
When the employee rates go up so the economy grows
More high paying professional jobs, more shopping choices
More jobs for people
More employment opportunities
I don't know, you could put in more things for kids to do
Surroundings, people
Job opportunities, new and exciting work places
My family
Nothing, I want to live in CA
More business success, more growth; more community involvement, people being involved with others
More small business, less corporate ones
More things to do (activities) and more shopping
Quality of environment
More high paying business
Nothing
Better job opportunities and better pay
A larger population
If there were more jobs that specialize in research with science or medicine
Lots of money
It's a nice, quiet place
More work opportunities

A million dollars
Nothing
Bigger cities, more opportunities
If it grew to become a larger city with more opportunity
To stay with friends and family
For there to be less population on the lakes
There was some great job here and maybe if I were older
More business
If they had a dance place
More jobs
Clothing shops
Nothing
Nothing, I love the cities, I grew up there
Nothing
Giving kids a place to hang out and stay out of trouble
Several factors such as a job in my career field ect.
If the business is good and new people want to live their
Not much
Good pay for everyone
Steady and high paying job
More jobs
Nothing really, its not my kind of place
More jobs in the computer industries
If it grew
More good jobs
Knowing people here, being familiar with the area
Nothing because Itasca County sucks
If Itasca county was bigger, more people, and job opportunities
Its not a huge or small town decent in the summer
Good jobs
Don't know
Not sure
Better jobs
I have lived
Lacking entertainment facilities
Better roads, cheap/free gas, my friends
Somewhere working outside with horses that was close
A good job or my girlfriend
Better jobs
Family

I really have no desire to live in MN at all, unless I decide to work with
wolves
Don't want to live here, nothing really to do
Better paying jobs in the area where I would be able to help support my
family and I
Good pay
The need for welding supplies at A S V
Small town
Nothing
People being friendly and bigger shopping places
The lakes and family
I'm familiar with the area and its growing
A sweet new company
If I could do what I want
A good job
Nothing; friends and family

Grade 11:

It's the best place in the world, it's home
A lot of money
Better job choices, nicer houses/apartments
Nothing
A Krispy Kreme
Lots of money
Family and friends
A million dollars
5 million dollars, a pack of Chiclets, and a midget
A community auditorium
More jobs that pay more than minimum wages
My family
Nothing
A good paying dental assistant job and if my b/f stays
More jobs and a bigger variety of them
More things brought here, activities
More job opportunities
I already live here
More job opportunities of higher status
More job opportunities

Things closer to us—we're far away from the cities where there are more opportunities. I like the Itasca County area better than the cities except for that
Tax free development is a great incentive
If it weren't so far away from everywhere—it's so far from the cities
A library
This is where I'm going to graduate and this is where I hope my kids graduate from
More fun things to do
Having good schools and facilities for my kids
More high-end jobs
Job opportunities
If there were more opportunities
Higher population
Change
More things to do
More homes and buildings being built
A good job and friends and family
Better economy
Nothing
Money
More things to do
Population growth
It is my hometown and it feels safe
More jobs available- growing community
To have a high paying job
Bigger town
Still has a good education system
Strong education
Higher pay
I don't know what I would want to do yet
I love the rural area, and all its outdoor opportunities
f I had a good job that I made money and had investments and stuff
All the people would have to change, their personalities, everyone is to materialistic my family has money and I'm not stuck-up to people who don't have much money
Nothing
Pay
Nothing
If there were more people

New systems
My job
My girlfriend moving here
I don't know, nothing really
The nice communities
If the people I care about stay here, and I could get a good job
A peaceful place to live
More things to do
More job opportunities
The community;
Family
Familiarity with the area
Good income, and more activities
My father owns a business
Better, more reliable jobs
Great schools and lots of lakes
If the crime level would drop and if I knew someone that lived here or close by
If I found a partner that wants and have a good job in Rapids or if I got a good offer
Nothing
More young people ages 23-38
If there was more going on in this town/ area
Outdoors
Nothing
Money
A good job
The scenery and the nice people
Fishing and hunting
It's a nice place
If the law enforcement wasn't corrupt
To help my family
If I had a job here, more job opportunities
Better business
Hunting and fishing.

Grade 12:

High paying jobs for probation officers
Nothing
Better people

A job and a house
A good job and a place to live
Higher paying jobs for college students
Family
Job security and good paying
The opportunity to stay where you have grown up
More paying jobs
Big paying jobs
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing
Malls and more things for teens to do
If there were more jobs being offered
Opportunity
If there was stuff to do
More jobs, nice place for small children to play and a place for teenagers
to hang out. Not the Ground Floor
Not work, live in log home in the woods; social reform
More opportunities
Crack down on meth
If I could find work
I already want to
Just staying near family
Good job and better schools
If my dreams are crushed and this is a last resort
Affordable housing
Better jobs now and more money
Much more things to do for middle age/younger people
A good job
The kind of life I live
It's a small town and I love the scenery
Steady job with awesome pay (very high)
More things to do
More job opportunities with better pay
n/a
If things change I would love to live here and teach, live in the woods
People, air, food, community
All the lakes and wildlife because I love hunting and fishing
A better hockey program
That my family and myself would have schooling, etc.

Nothing at all
A good paying job and the nice people
Nothing
If it cleaned up
Nothing
Good experiences
Nothing that would come out from the Itasca County area
Better opportunities and more cultured and diverse atmosphere
Smaller class sized, better education system if I had children
More development, better/strong economy
The nice area and the friendly people that live here
A chance to compete with other stores to own my own
Good job opportunities and support for educational funding
More cultural activity (music, theatre, etc.)
I don't know; the safety of the community
Diverse business opportunities with a variety of places to shop, not just
Wal-mart
Family and needs in the area
Ministry opportunities
High achieving school for my future family, performing, and community
opportunities for youth and adults.
Friendly, welcoming businesses, competition and environment;
Small town, clean
If we get a better mall
More bigger work places, variety of stores
Lots of money
More job opportunities and stores
Friends and the environment
If I started a family here
If everyone spoke a romance language and we had about 2000 more years
of history—more art and culture
Job opportunities for my children and if there was no drug scare
I would like to anyway
Jobs, family, and the environment
My parents
Family here
My family being here
More population, knowing that I will succeed
A secure job
If it became more rural with job things to do

Nothing

If it had a more busy life and major businesses and companies

Family and friends

The wilderness

Family

If there was more to do in the summertime

The lakes

High paying job

I would do it when I'm older (40)

To change the way it is now and will most likely become

More attractions, larger job force, and a bigger range of diversity

Cleaned up the drug/alcohol problem

Lack of paintball development in the area and family

Good job

If I can get a good job

More opportunities for a higher paying job

What would you need or want from the community/school to insure that you are prepared for you future?

Grade 7:

Help
That proper teaching
Better classes
Education
A longer recess
I don't know
A scholarship to go to college
I don't know
More candy
More candy
I don't know
I'm only 12
Money
Proper working with computers
A diploma
Good scholarships
A good education
Some money for college
Education
Unsure
Scholarships
Good grades
Better grades
Good scholarships
Good advice from knowledgeable teachers that I know and get along with
What?
?
A high education
A billion dollars
Money
Yes
A test
Enough money to go to college and I need a good paying job
A high education
A car
A high school diploma

A good education
A good education and nice teachers
Easier homework
I don't know
Nothing
?
Football backgrounds
Move advertising for sports because I didn't hear anything about baseball
Training
For the teachers to go a little slower because it is hard to keep up with them when they go so fast
Money, trust, and confidence
I don't know
?
Skate Park
?
Better and nicer teachers
?
Some motivation
I don't know
Need to know what things you need to know to be prepared
For the teachers to be paid more
A good education
I don't know
I don't know
Education
Enough challenges
How well you perform in school and at work
The basic stuff
I don't know
Good grades
An education
Discipline rules
Nothing
It's good how it is
Education
A degree
?
Not so much homework
Fun

?
Good Education
Stuff
Good schooling (education)
A good education
Good education
That the kids have good education
A good education
My choice of classes
Give me a “d” instead of an “f”
A good education
?
Help
I don’t know
A’s 2 year of high school at ICC and then another college
A class about working with children with disabilities
I don’t know
Not sure
Better road
I don’t know
A degree
Don’t know
I would need the skills to build a motorized skateboard
Good grades
Equipment
Math
Education
Good education
I don’t know
Education
Oral presentations
More writing skills and facing problems that we will in college
?
Better schools
I don’t know
Nothing
Nothing
Money
Good schools?
I don’t know

Proper career and college planning
More related business stuff to get us ready for our future
Good grades and getting into a good college
An elective class for creative writing. I don’t really know because I don’t know what my future will be
Good education
I don’t know
I don’t know
A scholarship, I don’t know
More jobs for when you are just starting out and when you get older
I don’t know
A college (not a prep college)
I need them to support me and help me through everything that I am involved in or need help with
A great education and a safe community
A very good education
A good average grade-like “b’s” and “a’s”
A good education
Smaller class sizes for more individual attention and activities for kids above the level of an average student
More involved/interactive classes, better curriculum if affordable, and more interesting classes
Nothing but a good education
A good and strong education
Classes that would help me with my future
To be smart
More community events and activities
Good teaching
Shorter hours
Don’t know
A computer programming class in high school
Money, good jobs, and a good high school education
A good education and support
Teach me more about math
Good education
Good education
Money
To make things fun
To be accepted into a good college
Better school lunches

A photography class
College degree
A degree, good grades, good reputation for behavior/grades and for school
\$10,000,000
Nothing
\$10,000,000
Don't know
Motivation that I can do it
Less work
Don't know
Good science education (science is everywhere)
Good jobs
Classes about careers and life after college
A good education and programs form the community to help me practice what I want to do when I grow up
To tell me what I would have to do to get the kind of job I want
Just to keep the education level up
I don't know
A program that gets you ready
A class on the economy and government
A better sport program
A good education
An education
Sports/encouragement
Skateboard wherever you want
Skateboarding for an elective class
What we have to know about the real world-I think science is a waste of time because we aren't going to go out and think about how plants make food or how trees protect themselves
Nothing
Nothing
?
I don't know
Good education
ICC
I don't know
Mechanic class and small engines class
Support
Small classes

Less major budget cuts
Computer programming class
A good education
Don't know
More classes
I don't know
I don't know
Guards with guns at every door
Enough help in school
Yes

Grade 8:

Yes
Better jobs
Same class (college)
Better basketball programs
Materials for life
More help in some classes
A recording label
One study hall for all students in order to receive extra help
A diploma
I need to know that I'm educating and that I would be prepared for a real job
Proper classes...?
Don't know
That I'm education
Doctor's degree
To be taught as best as possible
To be taught more
?
To be able to compare scores on more of my tests with other schools to know how I compare
Good education
A good education so when I'm done with school I know that I can do my job well
Insuring the safety of girls in the air force
Insuring the safety of women in the air force
A good education
Nothing
No

Nothing
Education
A good education
Good education
Money that is for college books
Nothing
Teachers willing to help one-on-one
?? I don't know-a degree
Lessons, candy and rewards for good listening
Skills
Rewards, lessons, and candy
A good education
Good education
Proper teaching
That we get the necessary things for the real world
Woods training/understanding
Scholarship tuition and books to cost less
Nothing
Better teachers
Teaching that will help us, not grammar
Half decent teachers
Let us choose the classes we think will help out career
To keep offering all of the programs
More shopping malls
A larger selection of classes
?
That I pass all my classes and I know what is going on in the world
Safe area
More electives
International studies
?
My diploma
A large selection of classes
More grants for colleges-I don't know
Airplane tickets
Advice about the future
Not sure
?
Teachers' approval
Well-educated teachers

A good education
Different types of classes
Grants and scholarships
A skate park
Teaching
That you could walk down the hall with out getting in a fight
Don't know
Money
Everything I'm getting
Good teachers in school
Blah blah blah
Teachers that teach beyond their subject
Nothing
Through education
Friendly teachers that help you out
The correct schooling and a lot of helping, guiding my to stay wanting to
go to college
A diploma
A good education
Good teachers and learning
Nothing
Chemistry and computer classes
Financial teaching
Have an engineering class
Teachers that take the time to explain things more thoroughly
Better teachers that can communicate better to students
Teachers that communicate better
Better teachers
?
A thinking cap
Nut cup? And lots of money
To teach me what I need to know for the future
I don't know
Schooling
Good schooling
Nothing, actually I don't know and I don't care
Good education
Better ways to learn
Nothing
Nothing

Money
The right schooling
Good education
As much help as I need
Good, supportive teachers
Good education from teachers
For phy. ed. to continue
Tuition money
A good education
To give as much help as they can
Teach me the best they can
Confidence
Tutor
I don't know
Education and preparation
?
A good education
A class for beauty school
A good college degree or a good diploma
Easy access to college information. Teachers that know how to show the
kids how to do things without being too strict
I don't know
Nothing, I already work
A good football team
An education on different job options
Nothing
The classes and opportunities to do what I want
School that is right for me
Money
Encouragement
Finding something I enjoy and work hard at
A diploma
Support
Education
Money
Go to college
\$1,000,000
More electives or better organized and advertised groups to join
The right classes
A good education

Proper job training I guess
Teachers that know what they're doing
A guarantee
A good education-already getting that
Nothing
Money
That I am educated the best I can be
A good education
Education (duh)
Acting classes
Better math program at the high school
Stable education with a wide variety of opportunity
More choices of classes that will prepare me for the future
Tests on future jobs or schooling
A diploma
A good education
I don't know
?
Nothing
?
?
Education
Money
Nothing
Scholarships, encouragement
Broad education
A class maybe with financial management
I don't know
Good flight schools in the area
I don't care
Better math
Career planning
I don't know
I'm not really sure
I don't know
Don't know
Drug awareness, hippy awareness
Good education
I'm not sure
More math

Nothing
?
A good one
Gym
I'm not sure
People to come and talk about what they do
Responsibility
Free gas and money and babes
To give advice
I don't know
?
Nothing
Nothing
To know that they are teaching me what I need
A better math program
No idea
Just a good education that can get me through life
More teachings
More school funding
Guys from college come in and talk with us
Money
A contract
Encouragement and support
Schooling
Nothing
A good education
Computer labs
Examples of what you would most likely look and how your life would be
it you didn't go to college
A very good education
Money
A diploma or GED
Nothing
Scholarships
Knowing about the earth and local businesses
Proper education
A good education that will help me with carpentry
Good education
We need Kyle as the ruler
Education

Nothing
I'm not sure
A better careers class
A class that shows you how to work in different environments
Support that you can do whatever you want to do
Good computer, math, science classes and better sports teams
Nothing because the school is already good but I need to work harder in school
Sex Ed, 5 million packets of Chiclets, and 1 minuet
Learn what I need to do to get my career

Grade 9:

Proper education
Be properly taught about what the future might bring
Nothing
As much help with classes as I need
Better paying jobs so we can actually have money to save
More jobs so we can work for our college fund
Information
I don't know
Its good
Basic knowledge of what you're going to go through in the real world
Better foreign language, psychology and social studies classes
Money
To give me my masters
Just some enforcement
I don't know
Not sure
Money for college
More realistic classes in school like special class for what you want to do
when you graduate
Money
People to support me
Nothing, it is good how it is
We need to get more jobs
Papers/letters to you about yourself from your teachers every quarter
I don't know
More education
?
?

Good information
Information about colleges
Scholarship money
More options in the school
Yes
Nothing, I won't be here long
I don't know
More scholarships and places to volunteer
Information on classes needed to take for college
A bigger school with more opportunities and learning programs
A career fair
Money
Support from teachers, more drug-free support, a great education, help to understand and respect diversity
Money.

Grade 10:

Certain business classes that teach you to like filling out checkbooks, taxes, and parenting
Nothing
The right kind of learning
More info about colleges, restaurants, family activities and tutor job info
Fishing club
Confidence
Scholarships or letters of recommendation
Blimp operating lessons and more of a ruler than Kyle
Free ride threw college and life
Have a program to see the job opportunities in this area and around the country
Some internship opportunities
Information, help, and a good motivation that would want me to have a future
Just what I have already
A good career and college
Good education
More electives to choose from
I'm not sure
Money
Money
Security

More education
Hard class to get us ready for college
Yes
Nothing
Correct courses for the future
Saving and loan skills to start my own business, how to find and prepare for a good job
Support
Just a little help when I do something wrong
A good education and a lot of support
Information on colleges
I'm not sure what I need or the future
A good education
A good education
Encouragement
Money
To see how much work it really takes
I'm not sure
Good grades
More career classes
Scholarships
Good education
A million dollars
Some classes which will give me a head start in the business world
Lots of classes
Diploma
Teachers eager to teach
I think the school should have advanced courses that move faster so the people in the classes that learn faster don't have to be bored of staying on one subject so long
Maybe a wider range of classes that would fit for your future
More money in schooling budget
More information on I B programs and PSEO
I can achieve on my own
Many opportunities for jobs afterwards
Art classes and extra curricular activities
Support
I think more population would help- and talking about the community more in class
Good grades

Good education
I would want information on careers and colleges
Specific classes that help you with what you want to be, career orientation
Scholarships available to a lot of people, able to become rich here
More money put into our education, scholarships
Great teachers
Just good help, places to turn to for guidance
Some sort of information fair
Our community keeps striving to be strong as one
Scholarship for college
Better education, more class choices, more investments in education
Better teachers that actually show you how to do stuff
Resources for a good experiences
Scholarships, especially more for higher income kids, we apply to few
and out parents don't always want to pay that much, especially if were
doing 8 years of college
More dedication to the fine arts
Plenty of classes concerning my career options
A program to help with a career choice
A class where you can learn about the muscles, bones, and joints of the
body
Prepare for transfer for a 4 year college education
Better math education
Info on colleges
To insure that their won't be a drug problem
More programs
Good education and hard work
Tech stuff
Better job opportunities
Million dollars
A good hiphop dancing college
For all work opportunities to be available
Don't know; free food
Money; guidance in my class choices
A good math education
I don't know at the moment
Opportunities
To be understanding
Know what would happen if unemployed or drop out of school
Teachers and faculty stop trying to scare you into doing better

A high school diploma
Better math teachers
Not sure
Nothing
Don't know
Don't know
A good education
Nothing, school is good enough as is
More scholarships
Money and insurance
More one on one schooling
A college with both computer programming and computer science
Good grades
Good grades
My privacy
More jobs
More opportunities and power of decision and choice
Good education
Not sure
Psychology classes
Free college, if we choose to go and participate
Job training, workshops from business people
More tests

Grade 11:
Money, help, and motivation
More information and full description of jobs
Good information
More jobs in Itasca, more stuff to do for teens. There is nothing here
They're doing well
Scholarship
Strip club
I want to be named supreme ruler of Minnesota
I don't know
I don't know
Fricken money, dude!
Plans
Some type of junior/senior seminar form a college and/or other people to
help guide us
I don't have a clue

?

Real life experiences—not just information and lectures
Information
More information on college scholarships
More classes/electives that focus on more specific majors. Basic things needed to live away from home—prepare for college
Very solid education and values
College preparation courses or advanced classes
More information on what we need to know to live on our own
A diploma
Financial aid help
Higher education classes, not all people will grow up to be doctors and lawyers
More information about living on your own
Hot chicks
Good education
Enough information to learn about it
No more budget cuts
To see the job outlook for social work careers
College questions answered
More information on colleges
More things for younger people
Money
More hands on experience: a good education
Money
Them telling me myself, I'm ready for college
Good degree that fits my field
To be more interested
Better teachers, teachers that care
More plays and acting work
Money
A lot of information that can help me
More classes in the TV field, such as M tech
Nothing
Money
Computer tech
Education
Teachers that help students more
To show me that I did good and that I am well prepared
Just good information on where I can get scholarships

Information on financial support, ect.
More student to teacher ratio as 3 students to 1 teacher
A good education
Lower tuition costs
Doesn't matter
A degree
To teach me everything I know
Classes for people who know what they want to do
A big pension
Info on colleges and courses they offer
Career, business, and econ classes
Money
It's pretty good
Make sure I have a set future
Less on sports in school and more on education
I don't know probably an education
I think cutting some activities that aren't being participated in would be beneficial for school systems and budget cuts.

Grade 12:

More career preparation
To provide jobs and brighter students
Better career preparation
Educated counselor
I don't know
More electives that have to be with the job fields we are planning on entering
Nothing
Information
Go to college classes
Nothing
They need to teach kids what it's like be on their own and not be so lost after
Tutors I couldn't afford on e for \$20 per hour
To know that I am ready for the future
Knowledge in construction
Counselors should be more student interactive
Kids and young people need something to do in here
Better, everything could get better-no attendance ladies
n/a

Money
More opportunities to get experience in the careers of interest for us
Good counselors
Be able to get a job
Nothing
More college benefits, not so high in paying for college
Career advice
Nothing
An increase in school funding, lower college tuition
Don't know
Nothing
Nothing
To let me graduate without so much hassle and grief
Nothing
Money
Support
More talks about it
Nothing
Nothing
A good education and a better chance of participating in school activities without have to pay so much more info
Nothing, safe community maybe?
Supportive and quality education
I like the lakes, but Itasca needs more attractions like a mall or something for families to do.
There are a few good businesses but we need more.
One thing that I want to experience if diversity and we don't have that
Eats of their youth's impressionable minds
Be an integral person
Information
Motivation
More time
Nothing
Reassurance in a career
Don't know
Good education
Teach us what we need to know—not useless stuff
?
Better education (help in where I struggle); support and information
Support, information, and examples

Good solid education principles
I think that is more of a personal thing—to motivate yourself
A good education
Scholarships
Highest education possible
Nothing I already feel secure
A quality education and job opportunities
Our community needs to make room for growth, accommodate, and encourage.
Wide variety of classes, opportunities for community involvement, emphasis on the importance and acceptance of diversity
Strong spiritual foundation and good education program to students
To shadow adults better arranged and financial help for college education
The International Baccalaureate (IB) program for a good education before college and the real world. Also, institute foreign languages in the elementary schools
Smaller class sizes
More funding for higher level courses (IB programs)
A strong education and scholarship opportunities
More real life info and experiences in community-maybe shadow a person in area of your choice of expected profession
More money for classes so that we can get the learning material that we need to be best prepared for the future
Smaller class sizes and more teacher/student interaction
Smaller class sizes, more one on one time with teachers, counselors, etc.
The internships that had been available last year, more counselors that concentrate on smaller groups, and smaller class sizes
Small classes in school, scholarships for college, and self motivation
Confirmed education and work experience soon work
More opportunities
No class sizes should reach 42 or 88 like the classes of Mrs. Rohling or Mrs. Koller and more funding
Not available