11th Grade Focus Group Questions

SECTION I: MATH EXPERIENCES AND ENJOYMENT

1. Let's talk about the last time you enjoyed math. What was it like?

2. Let's talk about your math class this year.

- i. Tell me something you enjoy about your math class this year.
- ii. What are things you do not enjoy in your math class?
- iii. Let's think about what helps you learn math. What kind of math activities help you learn the most in math class?

3. Let's think more about math and being good at math.

- i. Are you good at math? How do you know?
- ii. How do you know who is good at math in your math class?
- *iii. Think about people who are good at math outside of school. How can you tell they are good at math?*

4. What types of jobs are you interested in doing after you are finished with school?

- i. What types of math might you need to know to do these jobs?
- *ii. How might the math you are learning in school be useful for your future jobs?*

SECTION II: TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE AND CAREERS

5. How are you learning about what you might do after high school?

6. What kinds of things might get in the way of accomplishing your college and career goals?

7. What are you most excited about for your future?