

**Restate your research question:** Can after school activities stimulate parent/family involvement with children?

What survey question will you use to operationalize your dependent variable?

1. On a scale of 0-10 what was your level of involvement in the activity with your child?

(circle one) (0 being the lowest 10 being the highest)

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**What survey question will you use to operationalize your independent variable?**

IV:Socioeconomic status

What is the highest degree of education you have completed?

Less than High School

High School

Some College

College degree or higher

Prefer not to answer

**Using information from class, explain why these are good/well written questions.**

The question to operationalize the dependent variable makes it easy for the respondent to quantify the success of the “Family Fun time Activities” administered to parents and students in the Head Start program in Prince Edward County as it relates to my research question. The items

are clear, and the question would not be considered ‘double barreled,’ in that it doesn’t ask multiple questions with items that only correspond to one of them.

To operationalize the independent variable I chose a question that is intended to collect data that correlates to socioeconomic status. It is well known and researched that education level is one of the best indicators of socioeconomic status. Directly asking for the income of a respondent could be considered a negative item and possibly come across as invasive or offensive.

**Discuss best practices for survey research:**

The survey will represent the sample we’re attempting to study (parents of students at the Head Start program in Prince Edward County), and provide clear concise language to avoid confusion. In order to maintain anonymity our survey research will avoid identifying questions beyond basic demographic information. I also was careful to choose socioeconomic status as my independent variable as it’s referenced multiple times along with education level in my literature review.