

**Measuring SES – A Modified Hollingshead Four Factor Index of Social Status**  
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Please place an X in the appropriate spot for your Mother's, your Father's and your level of school completed and for your Mother's, Father's and your occupation. If you grew up in a single parent household, you only need to complete this for the parent you grew up with.

<u>Level of School Completed</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>You</u>
Less than 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	1	1	1
Junior high (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	2	2	2
Partial high school (10 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> )	3	3	3
High school graduate	4	4	4
Partial college (at least one year)	5	5	5
College education	6	6	6
Graduate degree	7	7	7

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>You</u>
Farm laborer, day laborer.	1	1	1
Unskilled worker, service worker.	2	2	2
Machine operator, semiskilled worker.	3	3	3
Skilled manual worker, craftsman, police and fire services, enlisted military and non-commissioned officers.	4	4	4
Clerical/sales, small farm owner.	5	5	5
Technicians, semiprofessional, supervisor, office manager.	6	6	6
Small business owner, farm owner, teacher, low level manager, salaried worker	7	7	7
Mid-level manager or professional ( for example: architect, engineer, accountant, attorney), mid-sized business owner, military officer.	8	8	8
Senior manager or professional (for example: physician, college professor, minister) owner or CEO of large business.	9	9	9

<b>Father</b>	Scale Score	Factor Weight	Score times Weight
Education		Times 3	
Occupation		Times 5	
			Total:
<b>Mother</b>	Scale Score	Factor Weight	Score times Weight
Education		Times 3	
Occupation		Times 5	
			Total:
Sum of Mother Total and Father Total: _____		Divide Sum by 2: _____	
<b>You</b>	Scale Score	Factor Weight	Score times Weight
Education		Times 3	
Occupation		Times 5	
			Total:

About this assessment tool  
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- This tool is intended for personal exploration in a class on multicultural education.
- I have updated the language on a few of the occupational descriptors.
- I have added a column for “You” in order to reflect generational shifts.
- Removing the “You” column will more accurately reflect the Hollingshead scale. Note that Hollingshead developed a coding mechanism for self reported occupation, he did not use this kind of checklist.