Grades 3 – 8 NECAP Student Questionnaire - October 2008

Reading Questions

1. How difficult was the reading test?
   A. harder than my regular reading schoolwork
   B. about the same as my regular reading schoolwork
   C. easier than my regular reading schoolwork

2. How interesting were the reading passages?
   A. All of the passages were interesting to me.
   B. Most of the passages were interesting to me.
   C. Most of the passages were not interesting to me.
   D. None of the passages were interesting to me.

3. How hard did you try on the reading test?
   A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular reading schoolwork.
   B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular reading schoolwork.
   C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular reading schoolwork.

4. How difficult were the reading passages on the test?
   A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read for school.
   B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read for school.
   C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read for school.

5. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the reading test?
   A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
   B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
   C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
   D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

6. How often do you have Language Arts/Reading homework?
   A. almost every day
   B. a few times a week
   C. a few times a month
   D. I usually don’t have homework in Language Arts/Reading.

7. When I am reading and come to a word I do not know, I usually
   A. figure it out myself.
   B. ask someone what the word is.
   C. skip the word.
   D. stop reading.

8. How often do you choose to read in your free time?
   A. almost every day
   B. a few times a week
   C. a few times a month
   D. I almost never read.
9. How do you most often find information about things that interest you?
   A. I use a computer.
   B. I look in books, magazines, or newspapers.
   C. I ask someone.
   D. I watch TV or videos.

**Mathematics Questions**

10. How difficult was the mathematics test?
    A. harder than my regular mathematics schoolwork
    B. about the same as my regular mathematics schoolwork
    C. easier than my regular mathematics schoolwork

11. How hard did you try on the mathematics test?
    A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.
    B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.
    C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.

12. How much did you use a calculator on the test?
    A. If it was allowed, I used it on most questions.
    B. If it was allowed, I used it on some questions.
    C. I didn’t use it on very many questions.
    D. I didn’t have a calculator.

13. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the non-calculator session on the mathematics test?
    A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
    B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
    C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
    D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

14. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the calculator sessions of the mathematics test?
    A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
    B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
    C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
    D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

15. How often do you work with other students in small groups on problem-solving tasks in mathematics class?
    A. almost every day
    B. a few times a week
    C. a few times a month
    D. never or almost never

16. How often do you have mathematics homework?
    A. almost every day
    B. a few times a week
    C. a few times a month
    D. I usually don’t have homework in mathematics.
17. How often do you use hands-on materials such as base-ten blocks, cubes, rods, counters, geoboards, and tangrams in mathematics class?
   A. almost every day
   B. a few times a week
   C. a few times a month
   D. a few times a year or less

18. How often do you use a calculator in mathematics class?
   A. almost every day
   B. a few times a week
   C. a few times a month
   D. a few times a year or less

19. How do you spend most of your time in mathematics class?
   A. I listen to my teacher
   B. I work by myself.
   C. I work in small groups.
   D. I do some work myself and some in small groups.
   E. The whole class works together.

20. In mathematics class, how often are you asked to explain how you solved a problem?
   A. almost every day
   B. a few times a week
   C. a few times a month
   D. a few times a year or less

Writing Questions (Grades 5 and 8 only)

21. How difficult was the writing test?
   A. harder than my regular writing schoolwork
   B. about the same as my regular writing schoolwork
   C. easier than my regular writing schoolwork
   D. I did not take the writing test.

22. How hard did you try on the writing test?
   A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.
   B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.
   C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.
   D. I did not take the writing test.

23. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the writing test?
   A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
   B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
   C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
   D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

24. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph for Reading/Language Arts class?
   A. more than once a day
   B. once a day
   C. a few times a week
   D. less than once a week
25. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph for Science class?
   A. more than once a day
   B. once a day
   C. a few times a week
   D. less than once a week

26. How often are you asked to use writing to explain your mathematical ideas?
   A. more than once a day
   B. once a day
   C. a few times a week
   D. less than once a week

27. I choose my own topics for writing
   A. almost always.
   B. more than half the time.
   C. about half the time.
   D. less than half the time.

28. I know how to revise my writing to improve it
   A. on my own.
   B. with my teacher's help.
   C. with help from my family or friends.
   D. by using all of the above.
   E. but I rarely revise my writing.

29. I write more than one draft
   A. almost always.
   B. more than half the time.
   C. about half the time.
   D. less than half the time.

30. I discuss my rough drafts with the teacher
   A. almost always.
   B. more than half the time.
   C. about half the time.
   D. less than half the time.

31. I discuss my rough drafts with other students
   A. almost always.
   B. more than half the time.
   C. about half the time.
   D. less than half the time.

32. What kinds of writing do you do most in school?
   A. I mostly write stories.
   B. I mostly write reports.
   C. I mostly write about things I’ve read.
   D. I do all kinds of writing.

Thank you very much for all of your hard work during testing and for answering these questions.