

Grades 3 – 8 NECAP Student Questionnaire - October 2010

Reading Questions

1. How difficult was the reading test?

- A. harder than my regular reading school work
- B. about the same as my regular reading school work
- C. easier than my regular reading school work

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 was 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 school work.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular reading school work.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular reading school work.

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. never or almost never

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.

10. 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

Mathematics Questions

11. How difficult was the mathematics test?

- A. harder than my regular mathematics school work
- B. about the same as my regular mathematics school work
- C. easier than my regular mathematics school work

12. How hard did you try on the mathematics test?

- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular mathematics school work.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular mathematics school work.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular mathematics school work.

13. 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 had a calculator but didn't use it.
- D. I didn't have a calculator.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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

17. How often do you have mathematics homework?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. never or almost never

18. 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. never or almost never

19. 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. never or almost never

20. How do you spend most of your time in mathematics class?

- A. listening to my teacher
- B. working by myself
- C. working in small groups
- D. working both by myself and in small groups
- E. working together as a whole class

21. In mathematics class, how often are you asked to explain out loud how you solved a problem?

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. never or almost never

22. In mathematics class, how often do you use written words, pictures, charts, or graphs 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

Question 23 is for students in Grades 7 and 8 only.

23. Are you currently enrolled in an Algebra I or higher mathematics class?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Writing Questions (For students in Grades 5 and 8 only)

24. How difficult was the writing test?

- A. harder than my regular writing school work
- B. about the same as my regular writing school work
- C. easier than my regular writing school work

25. How hard did you try on the writing test?

- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular school work.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular school work.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular school work.

26. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the writing test?

- A. I had enough time to respond to all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to respond to all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to respond to all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to respond to all of the questions.

27. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph in Science class?

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

28. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

29. 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. never or almost never.

30. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

31. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

32. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

33. How often do you use a computer to complete your writing assignments?

- A. almost always
- B. more than half the time
- C. less than half the time
- D. never or almost never
- E. I don't have access to a computer.

34. 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.