

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 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.