

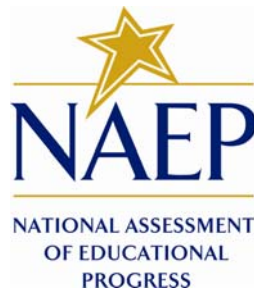
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**Wave 1 Submittal for 2010  
VOLUME II**

**Part 1b**

***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS  
FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT***

**Student Grade 4 Writing Questions**



*Part 1b contains:*  
Student Grade 4 Writing Questions

*The amount of time estimated to complete this form is 15 minutes.*

*April 21, 2009*

**Student Questionnaire**  
**Writing — Grade 4**

**SECTION 4**

This section has 19 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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- 1.** In a school day, about how much time do you spend writing assignments for school? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. [4]

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ About 10 minutes
- Ⓒ About 30 minutes
- Ⓓ About 1 hour
- Ⓔ More than 1 hour

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- 2.** In a day, about how much time do you spend writing on your own and not for school—for example, writing stories or keeping a journal at home? The writing could be on paper or on a computer. [4]

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ About 10 minutes
- Ⓒ About 30 minutes
- Ⓓ About 1 hour
- Ⓔ More than 1 hour

3. For school this year, how often do you write to explain something that you know or have read? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

4. For school this year, how often do you write about your experiences or stories that you create? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

5. For school this year, how often do you write personal essays? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

6. For school this year, how often do you write letters? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

7. For school this year, how often do you write stories? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

8. For school this year, how often do you write poems? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

9. For school this year, how often do you write journal entries? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ A few times a year
- Ⓒ Once or twice a month
- Ⓓ At least once a week

10. For school this year, how often do you use a computer to start writing a paper or report? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Very often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

11. For school this year, how often do you use a computer to complete a paper or report? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Very often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

**12.** For school this year, how often do you look for information on the Internet to include in your writing for a paper or report? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Very often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

**13.** For school this year, how often do you use a computer at home to do writing assignments? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Very often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

**14.** How often do you use a computer at home to do writing that is not part of your schoolwork? (New) [4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Very often
- Ⓓ Always or almost always

**15.** How often do you write to your friends or family using the Internet (for example, e-mails, blogs, text messages, instant messages, or personal web pages)? (New)  
[4]

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

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**16.** In a week, about how many pages do you write for homework? [4]

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ Up to half a page
- Ⓒ Up to 1 page
- Ⓓ More than 1 page

**Questions 17-18.** The following questions are about writing. For each question, please fill in the oval of the answer that best describes you.

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**17.** Writing is one of my favorite activities. [4]

- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

18. Writing allows me to express my ideas. [4]

- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

19. If you had a choice, which of the following would you most prefer to write?

(New) [4/8/12]

- Ⓐ Stories
- Ⓑ Letters or e-mails
- Ⓒ Plays
- Ⓓ Poems
- Ⓔ Song lyrics
- Ⓕ Comic books