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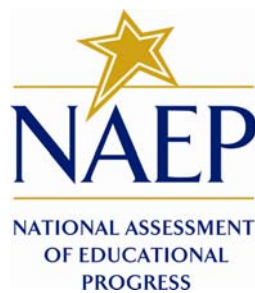
**VOLUME II**

**Part 2a**

***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS***

***FOR 2010 ASSESSMENT***

**Student Grade 8 Core Questions**



*Part 2a contains:*

Student Grade 8 Core Questions

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

*April 23, 2009*

## Student Questionnaire – Grade 8

### SECTION 3: Core Items

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 14 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**. [4/8/12] (VB331330)
  - Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
  - Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
  - Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
  - Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
  - Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.
  
2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**. [4/8/12] (VB331331)
  - Ⓐ White
  - Ⓑ Black or African American
  - Ⓒ Asian
  - Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? [4/8/12] (VB331333)

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.

4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? [4/8/12] (VB331334)

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.

5. About how many books are there in your home? [4/8/12] (VB331335)

- (A) Few (0–10)
- (B) Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- (C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- (D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)

6. Is there a computer at home that you use? [4/8/12] (VB331336)

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. [4/8/12] (VB331337)
- Ⓐ Yes
  - Ⓑ No
  - Ⓒ I don't know.
8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework? [4/8/12] (TB001101)
- Ⓐ 5 or fewer
  - Ⓑ 6–10
  - Ⓒ 11–15
  - Ⓓ 16–20
  - Ⓔ More than 20
9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family? [4/8/12] (VB331339)
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
  - Ⓑ Once every few weeks
  - Ⓒ About once a week
  - Ⓓ Two or three times a week
  - Ⓔ Every day

10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month? [4/8/12] (VB331447)

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
- Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
- Ⓔ More than 10 days

11. How far in school did your mother go? [8/12] (VB330870)

- Ⓐ She did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ She graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ She had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ She graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

12. How far in school did your father go? [8/12] (VB330871)

- Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ He graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

13. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English? [4/8/12] (VB331451)

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time

14. Write the zip code of your home address in the boxes.

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