NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Wave 1 Submittal for 2011 VOLUME II

Part 2c

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

FOR 2011 ASSESSMENT

Student Grade 8 Mathematics Questions



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The amount of time estimated to complete this form is 10 minutes.

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SECTION 4

This section has 18 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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- 1. What math class are you taking this year?
 - **©** Geometry
 - Algebra II
 - Algebra I (one-year course)
 - Tirst year of a two-year Algebra I course
 - © Second year of a two-year Algebra I course
 - Introduction to algebra or pre-algebra
 - © Basic or general eighth-grade math
 - Integrated or sequential math
 - Other math class

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- 2. What math class do you expect to take next year?
 - **©** Geometry
 - Algebra II
 - Algebra I (one-year course)
 - First year of a two-year Algebra I course
 - © Second year of a two-year Algebra I course
 - Introduction to algebra or pre-algebra
 - © Basic or general math
 - Integrated or sequential math
 - Business or consumer math
 - Other math class
 - ® I don't know.

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- 3. Do you study or do work for math at an after-school or tutoring program?
 - A Yes
 - ® No

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4. How often do you feel the following way in your math class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. I have a clear understanding of wha my math teacher is asking me to do		®	0	•	VC497573
b. The math work is too easy.	(A)	B	©	•	VC497574
c The math work is challenging.	(A)	B	©	•	VC497575
d. The math work is engaging and interesting.	A	®	0	•	VC497576
e. I am learning.	(A)	$^{\odot}$	©	•	VC497577

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5. Please indicate how much you DISAGREE or AGREE with the following statements. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. Because math is fun, I wouldn't want to give it up.	(A)	®	0	•	VC189707
b. I like math.	lack	B	0	•	VC189710
c. Math is one of my favorite subjects.	A	$^{ ext{ $	0	•	VC189711

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6. How often do you use these different types of calculators in your math class?

	Never use	Sometimes, but not often	Usually use	
a. Basic four-function (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	(A)	₿	©	VB517160
b. Scientific (not graphing)	A	$^{\odot}$	0	VB517161
c. Graphing	A	®	©	VB517282

7. When you	take a math	test or quiz,
how often	do you use a	calculator?

- Never
- Sometimes
- © Always

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8. For each of the following activities, how often do you use a **calculator**? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	three times a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. To check your work on math homework assignments	(A)	®	©	•	Ē	VB543270
b. To calculate the answers to math homework problems	(A)	®	©	•	(E)	VB543271
c. To work in class on math lessons led by your teacher	A	®	©	0	Ē	VB543272

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- 9. What kind of **calculator** do you usually use when you are **not in math class**?
 - None
 - Basic four-function (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
 - © Scientific (not graphing)
 - Graphing

- 10. How often do you use a computer for math at school?
 - Never or hardly ever
 - ® Once every few weeks
 - About once a week
 - Two or three times a week
 - © Every day or almost every day

- 11. Do you use a computer for math homework at home?
 - A Yes
 - ® No

- 12. On a typical day, how much time do you spend doing work for math class on a computer? Include work you do in class and for homework.
 - None
 - Half an hour or less
 - O About 1 hour
 - About 2 hours
 - © More than 2 hours

13. When you are doing math for school or homework, how often do you use these **different types of computer programs**? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. A spreadsheet program for math class assignments	A	®	©	0	Œ	VB543157
b. A program to practice or drill on math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)	(A)	₿	©	•	Ē	VB543158
c. A program that presents new math lessons with problems to solve	(A)	B	©	•	Œ	VB543160
d. The Internet to learn things for math class	A	®	©	0	Œ	VB543159
e. A calculator program on the computer to solve or check problems for math class	(A)	®	©	•	Œ	VB543161
f. A graphing program on the computer to make charts or graphs for math class	(A)	®	©	•	Œ	VB543262
g. A statistical program to calculate patterns such as correlations or cross tabulations	(A)	B	©	•	Œ	VB517157
h. A word processing program to write papers for math class	A	$^{\circ}$	©	0	Œ	VB543156
i. A program to work with geometric shapes for math class	(A)	®	©	(Œ	VC466133

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14. Do	you use the Internet at home?
(A)	Yes
$^{ ext{ B}}$	No

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15. How often do you use e-mail, instant messages, blogs, or text messages to do any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once every few weeks	About once a week	Two or three times a week	Every da or almo every da	st
a. Talk online with friends about math work	lack	(B)	©	•	Ē	VC299268
b. Get help with math from someone other than your teacher, family, classmates, or friends	(A)	(B)	©	•	Œ)	VC189627

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- 16. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?
 - Easier than other tests
 - About as hard as other tests
 - Harder than other tests
 - Much harder than other tests

- 17. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?
 - Not as hard as on other tests
 - About as hard as on other tests
 - Harder than on other tests
 - Much harder than on other tests

- 18. How important was it to you to do well on this test?
 - A Not very important
 - Somewhat important
 - © Important
 - O Very important

