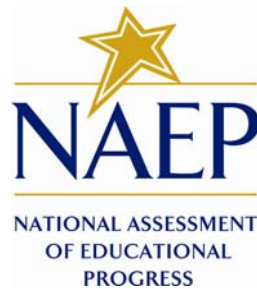


# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

## *Wave 1 Submittal for 2013* **VOLUME II** ***BACKGROUND QUESTIONS***

### **Part 2a** **Student Grade 8 Core + Reading**



*Part 2a contains:*

Student Grade 8 Core + Reading Questions

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

## Student Core Items, Grade 8

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. Please answer questions about your home based on where you live most of the time during the school year. The section has 15 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question except where instructed otherwise.

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

- Ⓐ 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.

VB331331

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

VB331334

3. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

VB331335

4. About how many books are there in your home?

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

5. Is there a computer at home that you use?

- A Yes
- B No

6. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.

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

7. Do you have the following items at your home? Fill in ovals for **all** that apply.

- A Access to the Internet
- B Clothes dryer just for your family
- C Dishwasher
- D More than one bathroom
- E Your own bedroom

8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?

- A 5 or fewer
- B 6–10
- C 11–15
- D 16–20
- E More than 20

9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family?

- Ⓐ 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?

- Ⓐ 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?

- Ⓐ 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?

- Ⓐ 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?

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

14. Do the following people live in your home? Fill in ovals for **all** that apply.

- Ⓐ Mother
- Ⓑ Stepmother
- Ⓒ Foster mother or other female legal guardian
- Ⓓ Father
- Ⓔ Stepfather
- Ⓕ Foster father or other male legal guardian

15. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the boxes.

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# SECTION 4

## Section 4

This section has 12 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question except where instructed otherwise.

1. Please indicate how much you **DISAGREE** or **AGREE** with the following statements about reading and writing. Fill in **one** oval on each line.

VB345622

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	
a. When I read books, I learn a lot.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345623
b. Reading is one of my favorite activities.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345624

2. How often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

VB379288

	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	<b>Once or twice a month</b>	<b>Once or twice a week</b>	<b>Almost every day</b>	
a. Read for fun on your own time	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB379289
b. Talk with your friends or family about something you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB379290

3. Now think about reading and writing you do for school. For your **English** class this year, how often do you do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

VB345644

	<b>Never or hardly ever</b>	<b>A few times a year</b>	<b>Once or twice a month</b>	<b>At least once a week</b>	
a. Have a class discussion about something that the whole class has read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345645
b. Work in pairs or small groups to talk about something that you have read	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VB345646

VB345648

4. For your **English** class so far this year, how many times have you done each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

- |   | Never                   | Once                    | 2 or 3 times            | 4 or 5 times            | 6 or more times         |          |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. Made a presentation to the class about something that you have read                                | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | <input type="radio"/> D | <input type="radio"/> E | VB345650 |
| b. Done a project about something that you have read (for example, written a play, created a website) | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | <input type="radio"/> D | <input type="radio"/> E | VB345651 |
| c. Conducted research for reading and writing projects  | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | <input type="radio"/> C | <input type="radio"/> D | <input type="radio"/> E | VF009263 |

VC503875

5. Do you study or do work for English/ language arts at an after-school or tutoring program?

- A Yes  
 B No

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6. For school this year, how often have you been asked to write long answers to questions on tests or assignments that involved reading?

- A Never  
 B Once or twice this year  
 C Once or twice a month  
 D At least once a week

VC504013

7. In your English/language arts class this year, how often does your class do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read aloud	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504014
b. Read silently	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504015
c. Discuss new or difficult vocabulary	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504016
d. Explain what we have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504017
e. Read books we have chosen ourselves	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504019
f. Write something about what we have read	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504020



VC504022

8. In your English/language arts class this year, when reading a story, article, or other passage, how often does your teacher ask you to do the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Summarize the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504023
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504024
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504025
d. Identify the main themes of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504026

VC504027

9. In your English/language arts class this year, how often do you use a computer to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Learn and practice vocabulary	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504028
b. Practice spelling and grammar	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504029
c. Access reading-related websites (for example, websites with book reviews and lists of recommended books)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504033
d. Conduct research for reading and writing projects	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC504034

10. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

VB595182

- Ⓐ Easier than other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

11. 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?

VC034559

- Ⓐ 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

12. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

VB595184

- Ⓐ Not very important
- Ⓑ Somewhat important
- Ⓒ Important
- Ⓓ Very important

