School Background Questionnaire

2007
Grade 12
During the 2006–2007 school year, a sample of students across the country, including some students from your school, will be given a series of questions as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The current assessment focuses on achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics. As part of the assessment, NAEP will investigate the relationship between students’ achievement and various school, teacher, and home factors that may influence this achievement. We are asking your school to complete this questionnaire about school factors. This questionnaire should be completed by the principal or other head administrator.

We realize that you are very busy; however, we urge you to complete the questionnaire as carefully as possible. All responses that relate to or describe identifiable characteristics of teachers or schools may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose, unless otherwise compelled by law.

NAEP is authorized under Public Law 107–110. While your participation is voluntary, your responses to these questions are needed to make this survey accurate and complete.

Instructions

Please record your answers online, following the instructions on the front cover. If you do not have Internet access, please answer questions directly on this questionnaire by filling in the appropriate ovals.

If you do answer questions directly on this questionnaire, please return the questionnaire to your school’s NAEP coordinator when you are finished.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
School Questionnaire – Grade 12

This questionnaire should be completed by the principal or the head of the school.

Some of the questions that follow ask you to fill in specific numbers. For those questions, please print the appropriate numbers in the boxes provided. Please PRINT LEGIBLY. Using one number per box, fill in every box. Keep all printing within the boxes. Do not make any stray marks. Use only a No. 2 pencil.

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Examples of numerals are:

1 2 3 4 5

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Part I: School Characteristics and Policies

1. What grades are taught in your school? Fill in all ovals that apply.
   - Pre-kindergarten
   - Kindergarten
   - 1st grade
   - 2nd grade
   - 3rd grade
   - 4th grade
   - 5th grade
   - 6th grade
   - 7th grade
   - 8th grade
   - 9th grade
   - 10th grade
   - 11th grade
   - 12th grade

2. Do all students in your school follow the same school calendar?
   - Yes → Go to Question 3
   - No → Skip to Question 4

3. Please indicate the number of hours of instruction that twelfth-grade students in your school completed as of February 1, 2007.
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4. For each group of students following a separate calendar, please indicate the number of hours of instruction that twelfth-grade students in your school completed as of February 1, 2007.

First group: __________ hours of instruction as of February 1, 2007

Second group: __________ hours of instruction as of February 1, 2007

Third group: __________ hours of instruction as of February 1, 2007

5. What is the current enrollment in your school?

6. Approximately what percentage of twelfth-graders in your school . . . (Please be sure your answers sum to 100%).

   a. is new this year? __________ %

   b. has been attending your school for 1–2 years? __________ %

   c. has been attending your school for 3 or more years? __________ %

   TOTAL __________ %
7. Of the students currently enrolled in your school, what percentage has been identified as limited-English proficient?

- 0%
- 1–5%
- 6–10%
- 11–25%
- 26–50%
- 51–75%
- 76–90%
- Over 90%

8. What type of school is this? Fill in ovals for all that apply.

- Regular secondary school
- A regular school with a magnet program
- A magnet school or a school with a special program emphasis, e.g., science/math school, performing arts high school, talented/gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc.
- Special education: a school that primarily serves students with disabilities
- Vocational/technical: a school that primarily serves students being trained for occupations
- Alternative: a school that offers a curriculum designed to provide alternative or nontraditional education, not clearly categorized as regular, special education, or vocational
- Private (independent)
- Private (religiously affiliated)
- Charter school
- Privately run public school
- Other ________________________________
9. About what percentage of your students is absent on an average day? (Include excused and unexcused absences in calculating this rate.)
   - 0–2%
   - 3–5%
   - 6–10%
   - More than 10%

10. About what percentage of your teachers is absent on an average day? (Include all absences in calculating this rate.)
    - 0–2%
    - 3–5%
    - 6–10%
    - More than 10%

11. About what percentage of students who are enrolled at the beginning of the school year is still enrolled at the end of the school year? (Exclude students who transfer into the school during the school year in figuring this rate.)
    - 98–100%
    - 95–97%
    - 90–94%
    - 80–89%
    - 70–79%
    - 60–69%
    - 50–59%
    - Less than 50%
12. Of the full-time teachers who started in your school last year, what percentage left before the end of the school year?

- 0%
- 1–2%
- 3–5%
- 6–10%
- 11–15%
- 16–20%
- More than 20%

13. Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?

- Yes → Go to Question 14
- No → Skip to Question 17

14. How does the school operate the program?

- Student eligibility is determined individually, and eligible students receive free or reduced-price lunch. → Skip to Question 16
- All students in school receive free lunch under special provisions (e.g., Provision 2 or 3). → Go to Question 15
15. If your school distributes free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3, what was the base year during which individual student eligibility was collected?

- This school does not distribute free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3—eligibility is determined annually.
- 2006
- 2005
- 2004
- 2003
- 2002
- 2001 or earlier

16. During this school year, about what percentage of students in your school was eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program?

- 0%
- 1–5%
- 6–10%
- 11–25%
- 26–34%
- 35–50%
- 51–75%
- 76–99%
- 100%
17. Does your school receive Title I funding? (Title I is a federally funded program which provides educational services, such as remedial reading or remedial math, to children who live in areas with high concentrations of low-income families.)

- ( ) No
- ( ) Yes, our school receives funds, which are targeted to eligible students.
- ( ) Yes, our school receives funds, which are used for schoolwide purposes.

18. Approximately what percentage of students in your school receives the following services? Fill in one oval on each line. Students who receive more than one service should be counted for each service they receive. Please report the percentage of students who receive each of the following services as of the day you respond to this questionnaire.

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<td>b. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and honors courses</td>
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<td>c. Instruction provided in student’s home language (non-English)</td>
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19. Of students in last year’s graduating class, approximately what percentage has gone on to each of the following types of school? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>a. Two-year colleges</td>
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<td>b. Four-year colleges or universities</td>
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<td>c. Vocational-technical or business schools</td>
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Part II: Reading and Writing

1. During the last two years, to what extent have professional development activities offered to teachers in your school focused on the following? Fill in one oval on each line.

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<td>B</td>
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<td>b. Interpreting and analyzing literature</td>
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