Long Term Trend: Mathematics
Student Background Questionnaire

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Age 9
In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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.

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
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?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ I don’t know.

4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ I don’t know.

5. 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)

6. Is there a computer at home that you use?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No
   ☐ I don’t know.

8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework?
   ☐ 5 or fewer
   ☐ 6–10
   ☐ 11–15
   ☐ 16–20
   ☐ More than 20

9. How much time did you spend on homework yesterday?
   ☐ No homework was assigned.
   ☐ I had homework but didn’t do it.
   ☐ Less than 1 hour
   ☐ 1 to 2 hours
   ☐ More than 2 hours
10. 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

11. 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

12. How much television do you usually watch each day?
   - None
   - 1 hour or less
   - 2 hours
   - 3 hours
   - 4 hours
   - 5 hours
   - 6 hours or more

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