



General Student Questionnaire

**2016
Grade 8
(Pilot)**

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Select **one or more** answer choices.

- Ⓐ 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? Select **one or more** answer choices.

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

3. 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)

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4. Do you have any of the following in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Access to the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271105
b. Clothes dryer just for your family	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336756
c. Dishwasher	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336759
d. More than one bathroom with a bathtub or shower	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336760
e. Your own bedroom	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH336762
f. A desktop or laptop computer that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271108
g. A tablet (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271110
h. A smartphone (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One) that you can use	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH271112

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5. In this school year, 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

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6. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

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

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7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Do any of the following people live in your home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Mother	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271145
b. Stepmother	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271146
c. Foster mother or other female legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271147
d. Father	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271148
e. Stepfather	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271149
f. Foster father or other male legal guardian	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH271150

10. Write the ZIP code of your home address in the box.

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11. Does **your mother** work?

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

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12. Does **your father** work?

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

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13. What does **your mother** do at work? (For example, She's a lawyer; She teaches 1st grade; She cooks in a restaurant; She does not work.) Use these lines to describe what **your mother** does at work.

14. What does **your father** do at work? (For example, He's a lawyer; He teaches 1st grade; He cooks in a restaurant; He does not work.) Use these lines to describe what **your father** does at work.

15. What is **your mother** currently doing? Select **all** that apply.

- ☐ (A) Works full-time
- ☐ (B) Works part-time
- ☐ (C) Takes care of the home and family
- ☐ (D) Studies to get a degree at a college or university
- ☐ (E) Other (Please specify): _____
- ☐ (F) I don't know.

16. What is **your father** currently doing? Select **all** that apply.

- ☐ Ⓐ Works full-time
- ☐ Ⓑ Works part-time
- ☐ Ⓒ Takes care of the home and family
- ☐ Ⓓ Studies to get a degree at a college or university
- ☐ Ⓔ Other (Please specify): _____
- ☐ Ⓕ I don't know.

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17. What does **your mother** do for work? Select the choice that most closely describes what she does at work.

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| ① Accountant | ② Farmer | ③ Religious worker |
| ② Artist | ③ Firefighter | ④ Repair technician |
| ③ Athlete | ④ Grounds worker | ⑤ Salesperson |
| ④ Carpenter | ⑤ Health aide | ⑥ Scientist |
| ⑤ Cashier | ⑥ Helper | ⑦ Secretary |
| ⑥ Cleaner | ⑦ Housekeeper | ⑧ Security guard |
| ⑦ Clerk | ⑧ Janitor | ⑨ Server |
| ⑧ College professor | ⑨ Lawyer | ⑩ Social worker |
| ⑨ Construction worker | ⑩ Librarian | ⑪ Software developer |
| ⑩ Cook | ⑪ Manager | ⑫ Stocker |
| ⑪ Customer service | ⑫ Marketing | ⑬ Supervisor |
| ⑫ Day care worker | ⑬ Mechanic | ⑭ Surgeon |
| ⑬ Dental hygienist | ⑭ Medical technician | ⑮ Surveyor |
| ⑭ Dentist | ⑮ Military | ⑯ Taxi driver |
| ⑮ Designer | ⑯ Miner | ⑰ Teacher |
| ⑯ Doctor | ⑰ Nurse | ⑱ Therapist |
| ⑰ Education administrator | ⑱ Office support | ⑲ Transportation |
| ⑱ Electrician | ⑲ Painter | ⑳ Truck driver |
| ⑲ Engineer | ⑳ Pharmacist | ㉑ Veterinarian |
| ⑳ Executive | ㉑ Police | ㉒ Writer |
| ㉑ Factory worker | ㉒ Receptionist | ㉓ Other (Please specify): |

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18. What does **your father** do for work? Select the choice that most closely describes what he does at work.

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| ② Artist | ③ Firefighter | ④ Repair technician |
| ③ Athlete | ④ Grounds worker | ⑤ Salesperson |
| ④ Carpenter | ⑤ Health aide | ⑥ Scientist |
| ⑤ Cashier | ⑥ Helper | ⑦ Secretary |
| ⑥ Cleaner | ⑦ Housekeeper | ⑧ Security guard |
| ⑦ Clerk | ⑧ Janitor | ⑨ Server |
| ⑧ College professor | ⑨ Lawyer | ⑩ Social worker |
| ⑨ Construction worker | ⑩ Librarian | ⑪ Software developer |
| ⑩ Cook | ⑪ Manager | ⑫ Stocker |
| ⑪ Customer service | ⑫ Marketing | ⑬ Supervisor |
| ⑫ Day care worker | ⑬ Mechanic | ⑭ Surgeon |
| ⑬ Dental hygienist | ⑭ Medical technician | ⑮ Surveyor |
| ⑭ Dentist | ⑮ Military | ⑯ Taxi driver |
| ⑮ Designer | ⑯ Miner | ⑰ Teacher |
| ⑯ Doctor | ⑰ Nurse | ⑱ Therapist |
| ⑰ Education administrator | ⑱ Office support | ⑲ Transportation |
| ⑱ Electrician | ⑲ Painter | ⑳ Truck driver |
| ⑲ Engineer | ⑳ Pharmacist | ㉑ Veterinarian |
| ⑳ Executive | ㉑ Police | ㉒ Writer |
| ㉑ Factory worker | ㉒ Receptionist | ㉓ Other (Please specify): |

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19. Which of the following best describes where you are living?

- Ⓐ A single family home
- Ⓑ A townhouse
- Ⓒ An apartment
- Ⓓ A trailer or mobile home
- Ⓔ A community home or shelter
- Ⓕ Other (Please specify): _____

20. How often do the following things happen at home? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. People at home ask what I am learning in school.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271260
b. I talk about things I have studied in school with someone in my family.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271261
c. People at home make sure that I make time for my homework.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271262
d. People at home check if I do my homework.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271263

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21. In your school, are there **laptop computers** that you can use?

- Ⓐ No
- Ⓑ Yes, but I cannot take one home with me.
- Ⓒ Yes, and I can take one home with me.

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22. In this school year, how often did you use a **laptop or desktop computer** during your classes at school?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ In some classes
- Ⓒ In about half of the classes
- Ⓓ In more than half of the classes
- Ⓔ In all or almost all classes

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23. In your school, are there **tablets** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) that you can use?

- Ⓐ No
- Ⓑ Yes, but I cannot take one home with me.
- Ⓒ Yes, and I can take one home with me.

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24. In this school year, how often did you use a **tablet** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) during your classes at school?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ In some classes
- Ⓒ In about half of the classes
- Ⓓ In more than half of the classes
- Ⓔ In all or almost all classes

25. In your school, are there **desktop computers** that you can use?

☐ A No

☐ B Yes

26. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Very much like me	
a. I finish whatever I begin.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271338
b. I try very hard even after making mistakes.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271339
c. I continue to work towards my goals, even when they take a long time to complete.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271341
d. I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271342
e. I continue working on what I set out to do, even when it takes a long time to complete.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271344
f. I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH271345

27. In this school year, how often have you done each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the time	About half of the time	More than half of the time	All or almost all of the time	
a. I came to class prepared.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271368
b. I remembered and followed directions.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271369
c. I started working on assignments right away rather than waiting until the last minute.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271370
d. I paid attention and resisted distractions.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271372
e. I stayed on task without reminders from my teacher.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271374
f. I paid attention in class even when I was not interested.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271375

28. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Very much like me	
a. At school, I finish whatever I begin.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329466
b. At school, I try very hard even after making mistakes.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329467
c. At school, I continue to work towards my goals, even when they take a long time to complete.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329468
d. At school, I keep working hard even when I feel like quitting.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329469
e. At school, I continue working on what I set out to do, even when it takes a long time to complete.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329470
f. At school, I keep trying to improve myself, even when it takes a long time to get there.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329471

29. If you have a problem while working towards an important goal, how well can you keep working?

- (A) Not well at all
- (B) Slightly well
- (C) Somewhat well
- (D) Quite well
- (E) Extremely well

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30. How often do you stay focused on the same goal for more than 3 months at a time?

- Ⓐ Almost never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ Sometimes
- Ⓓ Frequently
- Ⓔ Almost always

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31. When you are working on a project that matters a lot to you, how focused can you stay when there are lots of distractions?

- Ⓐ Not focused at all
- Ⓑ Slightly focused
- Ⓒ Somewhat focused
- Ⓓ Quite focused
- Ⓔ Extremely focused

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32. If you fail at an important goal, how likely are you to try again?

- Ⓐ Not at all likely
- Ⓑ Slightly likely
- Ⓒ Somewhat likely
- Ⓓ Quite likely
- Ⓔ Extremely likely

33. If you need to do something you don't want, in order to reach an important goal, how likely are you to do it?

- Ⓐ Not at all likely
- Ⓑ Slightly likely
- Ⓒ Somewhat likely
- Ⓓ Quite likely
- Ⓔ Extremely likely

34. How much does each of the following statements describe a person like you? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Very much like me	
a. I like complex problems more than easy problems.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271750
b. I like activities that challenge my thinking abilities.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271752
c. I enjoy situations where I will have to think about something.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271753
d. I find satisfaction in thinking hard and for long hours.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271754
e. I enjoy thinking about new solutions to problems.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271756
f. I like to think of my life as a puzzle that I must solve.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH271758

35. Whether a person does well or poorly in school may depend on a lot of different things. You may feel that some of these things are easier for you to change than others. In school, how possible is it for you to change each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all possible to change	A little possible to change	Somewhat possible to change	Quite possible to change	Completely possible to change	
a. Putting forth a lot of effort	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329450
b. Behaving well in class	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329451

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36. In this school year, how often have you felt any of the following ways about your school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Less than half of the time	About half of the time	More than half of the time	All or almost all of the time	
a. I felt left out of things at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271935
b. I felt like I belong at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271936
c. I felt that I was treated fairly by my teachers.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271937
d. I felt that teachers encouraged me to do my best.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271938
e. I worried about crime and violence at my school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271940
f. I felt excited about something I learned in my classes.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271941
g. I felt awkward and out of place at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271942
h. I felt happy at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH271944
i. I looked forward to going to school in the morning.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336900
j. I felt lonely at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336901
k. I did not feel safe on my way to and from school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336902
l. I felt that I learned something that I can use in my daily life.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336903
m. I felt that I learned something that will help me in the future.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336904
n. I felt that I would like to go to a different school if I could.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH336905

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37. When did you first use a **laptop or desktop computer**?

- Ⓐ I have never used one.
- Ⓑ Before I was in kindergarten
- Ⓒ When I was in kindergarten
- Ⓓ When I was in first, second, or third grade
- Ⓔ When I was in fourth or fifth grade
- Ⓕ When I was in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade

38. When did you first use a **tablet** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire)?

- Ⓐ Never until this assessment
- Ⓑ Before I was in kindergarten
- Ⓒ When I was in kindergarten
- Ⓓ When I was in first, second, or third grade
- Ⓔ When I was in fourth or fifth grade
- Ⓕ When I was in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade

39. When did you first use a **smartphone** (for example, iPhone, Samsung Galaxy, HTC One)?

- Ⓐ I have never used one.
- Ⓑ Before I was in kindergarten
- Ⓒ When I was in kindergarten
- Ⓓ When I was in first, second, or third grade
- Ⓔ When I was in fourth or fifth grade
- Ⓕ When I was in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade

40. How many days did you use the Internet for homework at home in the last month?

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

41. How often do you use the Internet for homework at home?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ About once or twice a month
- Ⓒ About once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Almost every day
- Ⓔ Every day