



# NIES Teacher Questionnaire

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**2024**  
**Grade 8**



1. Counting this year, how many years have you taught at this school? If less than 1 year total at this school, enter "01."

Years

2. To what extent have you acquired knowledge, skills, and information specific to teaching American Indian or Alaska Native students from each of the following sources? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Independent reading and study	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241584
b. Your own personal or family background and experiences	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241586
c. Locally sponsored American Indian or Alaska Native cultural orientation program	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241585
d. Living and working in an American Indian or Alaska Native community	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241588

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3. To what extent have you acquired knowledge, skills, and information specific to teaching American Indian or Alaska Native students from each of the following types of classes? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. College courses, or other classes or workshops with a focus on teaching American Indian or Alaska Native students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241592
b. College courses, or other classes or workshops with a general focus on various cultures or diversity	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241591

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4. During the last two years, how many times have you consulted each of the following resources to help you improve the academic performance of your American Indian or Alaska Native students? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	1 or 2 times	3 or 4 times	5 or more times	
a. Online websites or databases	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241594
b. Articles in professional journals	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241595
c. Local libraries or cultural centers	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241596
d. Other teachers in your school	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241597
e. Elders or other experts	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241598

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5. During the last two years, to what extent have you implemented culturally specific instructional practices for American Indian or Alaska Native students in your classroom?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ Small extent
- Ⓒ Moderate extent
- Ⓓ Large extent

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6. During the last two years, how many times have you attended professional or community-based development programs (such as in-service classes and workshops, including online classes) aimed at developing culturally specific instructional practices for American Indian or Alaska Native students?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 times
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 times
- Ⓓ 5 or more times

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7. To what extent have you implemented lessons learned from these professional or community-based development programs in your classroom?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ Small extent
- Ⓒ Moderate extent
- Ⓓ Large extent

8. Who sponsored the professional or community-based development programs you attended in the last two years? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ A State
- ☐ B District
- ☐ C Tribal education department
- ☐ D Indian education professional associations
- ☐ E College or university
- ☐ F Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

9. To what extent do you speak any of the native languages spoken by American Indian or Alaska Native students who attend this school? If you know more than one of these languages, answer for the one you know best.

- ☐ A No knowledge or skill; nonspeaker
- ☐ B Minimal functional or communicative ability; ability to use some words or phrases
- ☐ C Moderate communicative ability; can express some ideas and communicate in some situations, but limited and cannot always express ideas
- ☐ D Fluent nonnative speaker
- ☐ E Fluent native speaker

10. Have you received any of the following forms of preparation for teaching students whose first language is not English (sometimes called Limited English Proficiency [LEP] students or English Learners [EL])? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. At least one college-level course on how to teach students whose first language is not English (but not a major, minor, or special emphasis)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VR761995
b. An undergraduate or graduate major, minor, or special emphasis in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), English Language Development (ELD), or Bilingual Education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VR761996
c. Any other training or professional development on how to teach students whose first language is not English	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VR761997

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11. To what extent do you use the following to assess the progress of your American Indian or Alaska Native students? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. State assessments	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241604
b. District assessments	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241605
c. Assessments developed by American Indian or Alaska Native organizations	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241606
d. Tests supplied by textbook publishers (for example, end of unit or chapter tests)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241607
e. Teacher-made tests or quizzes	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241611
f. Performance-based assessments	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241612
g. Group projects	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241609
h. Oral responses of students during class discussions	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241610
i. Assessments to evaluate English language proficiency	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241608

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12. Do you teach **reading/language arts** to grade 8 students?

- ☐ A Yes  
☐ B No

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13. How many students are American Indian or Alaska Native in your **reading/language arts** class? (Include both enrolled tribal members and descendants in your calculations.)

- ☐ Ⓐ Few (less than 5)
- ☐ Ⓑ Several, but less than half the class
- ☐ Ⓒ At least half the class, but not every student
- ☐ Ⓓ The whole class
- ☐ Ⓔ I don't know.

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14. To what extent do you use your students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) when you teach **reading/language arts**?

- ☐ Ⓐ Instruction is entirely in English.
- ☐ Ⓑ Instruction is primarily in English, but words or phrases from the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) are included occasionally.
- ☐ Ⓒ Instruction is primarily in English, but words or phrases from the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) are included frequently.
- ☐ Ⓓ Instruction is primarily in the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s).

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15. How often do you integrate materials about the following topics into your **reading/language arts** lessons? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	At least once a year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native culture or history	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH241615
b. Current issues affecting American Indian or Alaska Native people or communities	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓔ	VH241614



16. How often do you have your students do each of the following **reading/language arts** activities? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	At least once a year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Read literature with American Indian or Alaska Native themes	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241617
b. Read literature by American Indian or Alaska Native authors	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241618
c. Read about, or discuss, current issues of concern to the American Indian or Alaska Native community	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241621
d. Write about experiences or issues affecting American Indian or Alaska Native people	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241620
e. Write about their own experiences as an American Indian or Alaska Native person	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241619

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17. How much do you rely on each of the following documents in planning **reading/language arts** lessons? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot	Not aware of any	
a. Standards developed by national professional organizations	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH241623
b. State content standards	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH241626
c. District content standards	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH241625
d. American Indian or Alaska Native content or cultural standards	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH241624

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18. Do you teach **mathematics** to grade 8 students?

- ☐ A Yes  
☐ B No

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19. How many students are American Indian or Alaska Native in your **mathematics** class? (Include both enrolled tribal members and descendants in your calculations.)

- ☐ A Few (less than 5)  
☐ B Several, but less than half the class  
☐ C At least half the class, but not every student  
☐ D The whole class  
☐ E I don't know.

20. To what extent do you use your students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) when you teach **mathematics**?

- Ⓐ Instruction is entirely in English.
- Ⓑ Instruction is primarily in English, but words or phrases from the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) are included occasionally.
- Ⓒ Instruction is primarily in English, but words or phrases from the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s) are included frequently.
- Ⓓ Instruction is primarily in the students' American Indian or Alaska Native language(s).

21. How often do you integrate materials about the following topics into your **mathematics** lessons? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	At least once a year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. American Indian or Alaska Native culture or history	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH241629
b. Current issues affecting American Indian or Alaska Native people or communities	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH241628

22. How often do you have your students do each of the following **mathematics** activities?  
Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	At least once a year	At least once a month	At least once a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Solve mathematics problems that reflect situations found in American Indian or Alaska Native communities	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241631
b. Participate in activities that integrate mathematics with American Indian or Alaska Native themes (for example, use traditional symbols and designs to teach geometric concepts)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241634
c. Study traditional American Indian or Alaska Native mathematics (for example, American Indian or Alaska Native systems of counting, estimating, and recording quantities)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241633
d. Study mathematics within traditional American Indian or Alaska Native contexts (for example, American Indian or Alaska Native systems of astronomy and physics)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241632

23. How much do you rely on each of the following documents in planning **mathematics** lessons? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	A little	Some	A lot	Not aware of any	
a. Standards developed by national professional organizations	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241636
b. State content standards	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241639
c. District content standards	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241638
d. American Indian or Alaska Native content or cultural standards	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241637

24. How much do you agree with each of the following statements about the materials available in your school library, media center, or resource center? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. The number of books and materials <b>specific to American Indian and Alaska Native culture</b> available for 8th grade students is sufficient.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241660
b. The quality of the books and materials <b>specific to American Indian and Alaska Native culture</b> available for 8th grade students is satisfactory.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241659

25. Do you think you would be able to do each of the following things in an American Indian or Alaska Native language? Select **one** circle in each row.

	<b>I definitely can't</b>	<b>I probably can't</b>	<b>Maybe</b>	<b>I probably can</b>	<b>I definitely can</b>	
a. Read a few words or phrases	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616455
b. Read a story	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616456
c. Write a few words or phrases	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616457
d. Write a letter or email	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616458
e. Speak a few words or phrases	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616459
f. Have a conversation with someone	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616460

26. How confident are you that you can do each of the following things in an American Indian or Alaska Native language? Select **one** circle in each row.

	<b>Not at all confident</b>	<b>Not confident</b>	<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>Quite confident</b>	<b>Extremely confident</b>	
a. Read to my class from materials in an American Indian or Alaska Native language	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616462
b. Provide written feedback to my students in an American Indian or Alaska Native language	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616463

27. Social emotional learning (SEL) emphasizes the importance of teaching interpersonal skills, attitudes, and values needed to become emotionally engaged in learning, setting goals, and solving problems. Prevalent components of school-based SEL programs include teaching social skills, identifying others' feelings, identifying one's own feelings, and behavioral coping skills and relaxation.

How often do you typically do each of the following activities related to social emotional learning in your class? Select **one** circle in 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. Adapt social emotional learning strategies to reflect American Indian or Alaska Native students' cultures	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616410
b. Use social emotional learning strategies in my classroom	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616411
c. Engage in self-reflection about social emotional learning strategies in my classroom	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616412
d. Participate in professional development training aimed at implementing social emotional learning strategies in my classroom	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616413
e. Participate in professional development training that helps me implement social emotional learning strategies in my classroom	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616414
f. Communicate with parents/caregivers about social emotional learning initiatives in my classroom	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616415

28. How often do you typically do each of the following activities in your class? Select **one** circle in 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. Teach American Indian or Alaska Native students about the importance of belonging to a community	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616464
b. Teach American Indian or Alaska Native students about the importance of supporting their peers	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616465
c. Use stories or legends from American Indian or Alaska Native culture to teach the importance of community support	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR616466

29. During the last **two years**, did you participate in any of the following activities? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Attend American Indian or Alaska Native ceremonies or gatherings	(A)	(B)	VR616453
b. Participate in training on using culturally responsive instructional strategies to teach American Indian or Alaska Native students	(A)	(B)	VR616454



30. In this school year, how confident do you feel in doing each of the following things?  
Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all confident	Not confident	Somewhat confident	Quite confident	Extremely confident	
a. Helping American Indian or Alaska Native students learn about the importance of belonging to a community	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616416
b. Helping American Indian or Alaska Native students learn about the importance of supporting their peers	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616417
c. Using stories or legends from American Indian or Alaska Native cultures to help my students learn the importance of community support	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616418
d. Adapting social emotional learning strategies to reflect American Indian or Alaska Native students' cultures	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616419

31. Are you aware of efforts at your school to engage with American Indian or Alaska Native tribal nations or groups for their input on your school's education programs this school year?

- ☐ A Yes  
☐ B No

32. In this school year, how often did you engage in each of the following activities? Select **one** circle in 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. I participated in discussions with American Indian or Alaska Native tribal nation citizens or members.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616420
b. I communicated with a representative from a Tribal Education Department or other tribal representative.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616421
c. I communicated with a representative from the U.S. Office of Indian Education.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR762083
d. I received training on engaging with American Indian or Alaska Native tribal nation citizens or members.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR616422

33. About how many of your grade 8 students will complete the 8th grade?

- ☐ A None  
☐ B A few  
☐ C Some  
☐ D Most  
☐ E All  
☐ F I don't know.

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34. About how many of your grade 8 students will be prepared for high school?

- ☐ A None
- ☐ B A few
- ☐ C Some
- ☐ D Most
- ☐ E All
- ☐ F I don't know.

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35. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ A No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- ☐ B Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- ☐ C Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- ☐ D Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- ☐ E Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

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36. Which of the following best describes you? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ A White
- ☐ B Black or African American
- ☐ C Asian
- ☐ D American Indian or Alaska Native (Write the name of your American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group below. You may indicate more than one tribe or group.)  
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- ☐ E Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

37. What have you found to be the most effective teaching and learning strategies for increasing the achievement of your American Indian or Alaska Native students?

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38. In the space below, please share with us your thoughts about any other important issue(s) about your students, school, or community that are related to student academic performance, student aspirations, or other educational matters.

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