



NIES Student Questionnaire

2024
Grade 8



1. How much do you know about each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Nothing	A little	Some	A lot	
a. Your American Indian or Alaska Native history	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241515
b. Your American Indian or Alaska Native traditions and culture (way of life, customs)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241517
c. Issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241516

2. Who taught you **most** of what you know about your American Indian or Alaska Native history?

- ☐ A No one has taught me about my American Indian or Alaska Native history.
- ☐ B Family members
- ☐ C Friends
- ☐ D Teachers
- ☐ E Tribal nation citizens or elders
- ☐ F Someone else (please specify): _____

3. Who taught you **most** of what you know about your American Indian or Alaska Native beliefs and traditions (ways of life, customs)?

- Ⓐ No one has taught me about my American Indian or Alaska Native beliefs and traditions.
- Ⓑ Family members
- Ⓒ Friends
- Ⓓ Teachers
- Ⓔ Tribal nation citizens or elders
- Ⓕ Someone else (please specify):_____

4. Who taught you **most** of what you know about your American Indian or Alaska Native language or languages?

- Ⓐ No one has taught me about my American Indian or Alaska Native language or languages.
- Ⓑ Family members
- Ⓒ Friends
- Ⓓ Teachers
- Ⓔ Tribal nation citizens or elders
- Ⓕ Someone else (please specify):_____

5. Who taught you **most** of what you know about issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people?
- Ⓐ No one has taught me about issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people.
 - Ⓑ Family members
 - Ⓒ Friends
 - Ⓓ Teachers
 - Ⓔ Tribal nation citizens or elders
 - Ⓕ Someone else (please specify):_____

6. How often have you participated in each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	Every few years	At least once a year	Several times a year	
a. Ceremonies and gatherings for people from your American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241519
b. Ceremonies and gatherings that bring people together from many different American Indian tribes or Alaska Native groups	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241521

7. How often do members of your family talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language?
- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓑ Once or twice a month
 - Ⓒ Once or twice a week
 - Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

8. How often do you attend classes **in school** that are taught in an American Indian or Alaska Native language?
- Ⓐ My school does not offer classes that are taught in an American Indian or Alaska Native language.
 - Ⓑ Never or hardly ever
 - Ⓒ Once or twice a month
 - Ⓓ Once or twice a week
 - Ⓔ Every day or almost every day

9. Do you think you would be able to do each of the following things in your American Indian or Alaska Native language? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	I definitely can't	I probably can't	Maybe	I probably can	I definitely can	
a. Read a few words or phrases	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615874
b. Read a story	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615875
c. Write a few words or phrases	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615876
d. Write a letter or email to someone	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615877
e. Speak a few words or phrases	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615878
f. Have a conversation with someone	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VR615879

10. **In school**, do you have access to a **library, media center, or resource center** with books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people?
- Ⓐ Yes
 - Ⓑ No

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11. During 8th grade, have you used books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people **in school**?

- Ⓐ Yes, once or twice
- Ⓑ Yes, three or more times
- Ⓒ No

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12. During 8th grade, have you used books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people **outside of school**?

- Ⓐ Yes, once or twice
- Ⓑ Yes, three or more times
- Ⓒ No

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13. During 8th grade, how often have any of your teachers talked to your class about the history, traditions, and cultures (ways of life, customs) of American Indian or Alaska Native people?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

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14. During 8th grade, have you attended any of the following activities **organized by your school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Presentations by American Indian or Alaska Native people about their traditions and cultures (ways of life, customs)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241523
b. Traditional American Indian or Alaska Native music and/or dance performances	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241525
c. Field trips to museums, traditional villages, or other places to learn about American Indian or Alaska Native people	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241524

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15. How often do you typically do each of the following activities **in school**? 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. Hear traditional stories or legends from a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native community	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR615861
b. Learn about traditional American Indian or Alaska Native medicine	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR615863
c. Hear or play traditional American Indian or Alaska Native music (for example, sing songs, dance, participate in drum groups, or play other instruments)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR615864
d. Play traditional American Indian or Alaska Native games	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VR762086

16. How often do you typically do each of the following activities **outside of school**? 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. Hear traditional stories or legends from a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native community	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR620648
b. Learn about traditional American Indian or Alaska Native medicine	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR620650
c. Hear or play traditional American Indian or Alaska Native music (for example, sing songs, dance, participate in drum groups, or play other instruments)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR620652
d. Play traditional American Indian or Alaska Native games	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VR762090

17. Here are some sentences about reading. Select **one** answer choice on each row to show whether the sentence describes a person like you.

	This is not like me.	This is a little like me.	This is a lot like me.	
a. When my teacher talks about American Indian or Alaska Native history or culture, I try to read more about it.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241536
b. I enjoy reading about American Indian or Alaska Native people.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241538

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18. Here are some sentences about you and your school. Select **one** answer choice on each row to show whether the sentence describes you.

	This is not like me.	This is a little like me.	This is a lot like me.	
a. I put a lot of effort into my schoolwork.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VR615953
b. I want to be my best self at school.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VR615954
c. I enjoy being challenged in my classes.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VR615955
d. I feel that I belong in school.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VR615956

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19. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. If I put in enough effort, I will succeed in school.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241545
b. If I put in enough effort in school, I will get into college.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241547
c. If I put in enough effort in school, I will get a good job.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241546

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20. How much do you like school?

- ☐ A Not at all
- ☐ B A little
- ☐ C Somewhat
- ☐ D Very much

21. How much are the things you are learning in school preparing you for the life you want to lead?

- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little
- Ⓒ A fair amount
- Ⓓ Very much

22. During 8th grade, how often have you talked with any of your teachers outside of regular class periods? For example, to get extra help with your assignments, to talk about issues that matter to you, or just to visit.

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

23. During 8th grade, how many times have you talked to each of the following people about the classes you should take in high school or about what you want to do after high school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	One time	Two or three times	Four or more times	
a. A family member	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241555
b. A teacher	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241556
c. A school counselor	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241557
d. Another student	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241561
e. A tribal nation citizen or elder	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VR762570
f. Someone else who lives in my community or is a friend of my family	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241558

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24. Do you plan to do any of the following in your first year after high school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Go to college full time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241563
b. Go to college part time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241564
c. Go to another school (for example, career training, technical, or trade/vocational) full time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241565
d. Go to another school (for example, career training, technical, or trade/vocational) part time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241566
e. Join the military	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241572
f. Work full time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241568
g. Work part time	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241569
h. Travel	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241570
i. Care for family	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241571

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25. Do you know the name of the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group you belong to or are enrolled in?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I'm not sure.

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26. If you know the name of the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group that you belong to or are enrolled in, or if you think you know it, please write it in the box below. Do not worry about spelling. If you belong to more than one American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, write the names of as many as you know.

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27. What else would you like to say about yourself, your school, or about American Indian or Alaska Native people? Use the box to write your ideas.
