

# Grades 3 – 8 NECAP Student Questionnaire - October 2008

## Reading Questions

- 1. How difficult was the reading test?**
  - A. harder than my regular reading schoolwork
  - B. about the same as my regular reading schoolwork
  - C. easier than my regular reading schoolwork
  
- 2. How interesting were the reading passages?**
  - A. All of the passages were interesting to me.
  - B. Most of the passages were interesting to me.
  - C. Most of the passages were not interesting to me.
  - D. None of the passages were interesting to me.
  
- 3. How hard did you try on the reading test?**
  - A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular reading schoolwork.
  - B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular reading schoolwork.
  - C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular reading schoolwork.
  
- 4. How difficult were the reading passages on the test?**
  - A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read for school.
  - B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read for school.
  - C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read for school.
  
- 5. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the reading test?**
  - A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
  - B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
  - C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
  - D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.
  
- 6. How often do you have Language Arts/Reading homework?**
  - A. almost every day
  - B. a few times a week
  - C. a few times a month
  - D. I usually don't have homework in Language Arts/Reading.
  
- 7. When I am reading and come to a word I do not know, I usually**
  - A. figure it out myself.
  - B. ask someone what the word is.
  - C. skip the word.
  - D. stop reading.
  
- 8. How often do you choose to read in your free time?**
  - A. almost every day
  - B. a few times a week
  - C. a few times a month
  - D. I almost never read.

**9. How do you most often find information about things that interest you?**

- A. I use a computer.
- B. I look in books, magazines, or newspapers.
- C. I ask someone.
- D. I watch TV or videos.

**Mathematics Questions**

**10. How difficult was the mathematics test?**

- A. harder than my regular mathematics schoolwork
- B. about the same as my regular mathematics schoolwork
- C. easier than my regular mathematics schoolwork

**11. How hard did you try on the mathematics test?**

- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.
- B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular mathematics schoolwork.

**12. How much did you use a calculator on the test?**

- A. If it was allowed, I used it on most questions.
- B. If it was allowed, I used it on some questions.
- C. I didn't use it on very many questions.
- D. I didn't have a calculator.

**13. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the non-calculator session on the mathematics test?**

- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

**14. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the calculator sessions of the mathematics test?**

- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
- B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
- C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
- D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.

**15. How often do you work with other students in small groups on problem-solving tasks in mathematics class?**

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. never or almost never

**16. How often do you have mathematics homework?**

- A. almost every day
- B. a few times a week
- C. a few times a month
- D. I usually don't have homework in mathematics.

- 17. How often do you use hands-on materials such as base-ten blocks, cubes, rods, counters, geoboards, and tangrams in mathematics class?**
- A. almost every day
  - B. a few times a week
  - C. a few times a month
  - D. a few times a year or less
- 18. How often do you use a calculator in mathematics class?**
- A. almost every day
  - B. a few times a week
  - C. a few times a month
  - D. a few times a year or less
- 19. How do you spend most of your time in mathematics class?**
- A. I listen to my teacher
  - B. I work by myself.
  - C. I work in small groups.
  - D. I do some work myself and some in small groups.
  - E. The whole class works together.
- 20. In mathematics class, how often are you asked to explain how you solved a problem?**
- A. almost every day
  - B. a few times a week
  - C. a few times a month
  - D. a few times a year or less

**Writing Questions (Grades 5 and 8 only)**

- 21. How difficult was the writing test?**
- A. harder than my regular writing schoolwork
  - B. about the same as my regular writing schoolwork
  - C. easier than my regular writing schoolwork
  - D. I did not take the writing test.
- 22. How hard did you try on the writing test?**
- A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork.
  - B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork.
  - C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.
  - D. I did not take the writing test.
- 23. Did you have enough time to answer all of the questions on the writing test?**
- A. I had enough time to answer all of the questions and check my work.
  - B. I had enough time to answer all of the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
  - C. I felt rushed, but I was able to answer all of the questions.
  - D. I did not have enough time to answer all of the questions.
- 24. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph for Reading/Language Arts class?**
- A. more than once a day
  - B. once a day
  - C. a few times a week
  - D. less than once a week

**25. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph for Science class?**

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

**26. How often are you asked to use writing to explain your mathematical ideas?**

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. less than once a week

**27. I choose my own topics for writing**

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

**28. I know how to revise my writing to improve it**

- A. on my own.
- B. with my teacher's help.
- C. with help from my family or friends.
- D. by using all of the above.
- E. but I rarely revise my writing.

**29. I write more than one draft**

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

**30. I discuss my rough drafts with the teacher**

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

**31. I discuss my rough drafts with other students**

- A. almost always.
- B. more than half the time.
- C. about half the time.
- D. less than half the time.

**32. What kinds of writing do you do most in school?**

- A. I mostly write stories.
- B. I mostly write reports.
- C. I mostly write about things I've read.
- D. I do all kinds of writing.

**Thank you very much for all of your hard work during testing and for answering these questions.**