

Grades 3 – 8 NECAP Student Questionnaire

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 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. How often do you work with other students in small groups on problem-solving in mathematics class?
- A. almost every day
 - B. a few times a week
 - C. a few times a month
 - D. never or almost never
15. 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.
16. 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

17. 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
18. How do you spend most of your time in mathematics class?
- A. I work by myself.
 - B. I work in small groups.
 - C. I do some work myself and some in small groups.
 - D. The whole class works together.
19. 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)

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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
24. 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

25. 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
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.