Grade 11 NECAP Student Questionnaire – October 2010

Writing Questions

1. How difficult was the writing test?

- A. harder than my regular writing work
- B. about the same as my regular writing work
- C. easier than my regular writing work

2. How hard did you try on the writing test?

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

3. Did you have enough time to complete the prompts on the writing test?

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

4. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph in Science class?

- A. more than once a day
- B. once a day
- C. a few times a week
- D. never or almost never
- E. not currently taking a science class

5. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

6. 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. never or almost never.

7. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

8. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

9. 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.
- E. never or almost never.

10. What kinds of writing do you do most in school?

- A. I mostly write narratives/poems.
- B. I mostly write reports/persuasive pieces.
- C. I mostly write about things I've read.
- D. I do all kinds of writing.

11. How often do you use a computer to complete your writing assignments?

- A. almost always
- B. more than half the time
- C. less than half the time
- D. almost never
- E. I don't have access to a computer.

Reading Questions

12. How difficult was the reading test?

- A. harder than my regular reading work
- B. about the same as my regular reading work
- C. easier than my regular reading work

13. 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 was interesting to me.

14. How hard did you try on the reading test?

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. How often do you have reading homework in English class?

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

18. How often do you have reading homework in other subject areas?

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

19. How do you most often learn new vocabulary words?

- A. I am taught new vocabulary words in most of my courses.
- B. I am taught new vocabulary words mostly in my English class.
- C. I learn new vocabulary words on my own using a dictionary or computer.
- D. I rarely learn new vocabulary words.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. How often are you asked to write at least one paragraph in English class?

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

23. What grade did you receive in the last English course you completed?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. lower than C

Mathematics Questions

24. What best describes your school's math program?

- A. Traditional (Algebra I, Geometry I, Algebra II, etc.)
- B. Integrated (Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II)
- C. I don't know.

25. What best describes the last mathematics course you completed?

- A. General Math or pre-Algebra
- B. Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I
- C. Geometry or Integrated Mathematics II
- D. Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III
- E. Pre-Calculus/Advanced Mathematics or higher

26. What best describes the mathematics course you are currently taking or will be taking this year?

- A. General Math or pre-Algebra
- B. Algebra I or Integrated Mathematics I
- C. Geometry or Integrated Mathematics II
- D. Algebra II or Integrated Mathematics III
- E. Pre-Calculus/Advanced Mathematics or higher

27. How difficult was the mathematics test compared to your current or most recent mathematics class?

- A. more difficult
- B. about the same
- C. less difficult

28. How hard did you try on the mathematics test compared to your current or most recent mathematics class?

- A. I tried harder on this test.
- B. I tried about the same.
- C. I did not try as hard on this test.

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

- A. When it was allowed, I used it on most questions.
- B. When it was allowed, I used it on some questions.
- C. I had a calculator but didn't use it.
- D. I didn't have a calculator.

30. If you left any questions blank on the mathematics test, which statement best describes the reason?

- A. I didn't know the mathematics needed to answer the questions.
- B. I knew the mathematics, but have never been given questions like these before.
- C. Answering the questions would take too much effort.
- D. I didn't have enough time to answer the questions.

31. How often do you work in groups with other students on problem-solving tasks in mathematics?

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

32. How often do you have mathematics homework assignments?

- 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.

33. 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

34. In mathematics class, how often are you asked to explain out loud how you solved a problem?

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

35. 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

36. What grade did you receive in the last mathematics course you completed?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. lower than C