

School Background Questionnaire - Arts

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE GRADE 8

During the 2007–2008 school year, a sample of students across the country, including some students from your school, will be given a series of questions as part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The current assessment focuses on achievement in the arts. As part of the assessment, NAEP will investigate the relationship between students' achievement and various school, teacher, and home factors that may influence this achievement. We are asking your school to complete this questionnaire about school factors. This questionnaire should be completed by the principal or other head administrator.

We realize that you are very busy; however, we urge you to complete the questionnaire as carefully as possible. The information you provide is being collected for research purposes only and will be kept strictly confidential.

NAEP is authorized under Public Law 107–110. While your participation is voluntary, your responses to these questions are needed to make this survey accurate and complete.

Instructions

Please record your answers online, following the instructions on the front cover. If you do not have Internet access, please answer questions directly on this questionnaire by filling in the appropriate ovals.

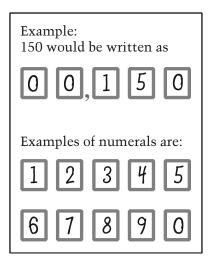
If you do answer questions directly on this questionnaire, please return the questionnaire to your school's NAEP coordinator when you are finished.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

School Questionnaire - Grade 8

This questionnaire should be completed by the principal or the head of the school.

Some of the questions that follow ask you to fill in specific numbers. For those questions, please print the appropriate numbers in the boxes provided. Please PRINT LEGIBLY. Using one number per box, fill in every box. Keep all printing within the boxes. Do not make any stray marks. Use only a No. 2 pencil.



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Part I: School Characteristics and Policies

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1. Wh	at grades are taught in your school? Fill in all ovals that apply.	
(A)	Pre-kindergarten	
$^{ ext{ B}}$	Kindergarten	
0	1st grade	
0	2nd grade	
Œ	3rd grade	
Ð	4th grade	
©	5th grade	
\oplus	6th grade	
Ф	7th grade	
О	8th grade	
⊗	9th grade	
0	10th grade	
(1)	11th grade	
\bigotimes	12th grade	
2. Do	all students in your school follow the same school calendar?	VB556165
(A)	Yes \rightarrow Go to Question 3.	
$^{ ext{ B}}$	No \rightarrow <i>Skip to Question 4.</i>	
3. Plea	use indicate the number of hours of instruction that eighth-grade students in your scapleted as of February 1, 2008.	vB607886 hool
	hours of instruction as of February 1, 2008	

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4.	For each group of students following a separate calendar, pl of instruction that eighth-grade students in your school co		
	First group: hours of instruction as	of February 1, 2008	VB607888
	Second group: hours of instruction as	of February 1, 2008	VB607889
	Third group: hours of instruction as	of February 1, 2008	VB607890
5.	What is the current enrollment in your school?		VB337250
6.	Approximately what percentage of eighth graders in your s (Please be sure your answers sum to 100%.)	chool	VC189012
	a. is new this year ?	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	VC189050
	b. has been attending your school for 1–2 years?	%	VC189051
	c. has been attending your school for 3 or more years?	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	VC189053
	TOTAL	100%	

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- 7. Of the students currently enrolled in your school, what percentage has been identified as limited-English proficient?
 - **a** 0%

 - © 6-10%
 - ① 11-25%
 - © 26-50%
 - © 51-75%
 - © 76-90%
 - Over 90%

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- 8. What type of school is this? Fill in ovals for all that apply.
 - Regular middle or secondary school
 - ® A regular school with a magnet program
 - A magnet school or a school with a special program emphasis, e.g., science/math school, performing arts school, talented/gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc.
 - © Special education: a school that primarily serves students with disabilities
 - Alternative: a school that offers a curriculum designed to provide alternative or nontraditional education, not clearly categorized as regular, special education, or vocational
 - © Private (independent)
 - © Private (religiously affiliated)
 - Charter school
 - Privately run public school
 - Other

- 9. About what percentage of your students is absent on an average day? (Include excused and unexcused absences in calculating this rate.)
 - $\bigcirc 0-2\%$
 - ® 3-5%
 - © 6-10%
 - More than 10%

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- 10. About what percentage of your teachers is absent on an average day? (Include all absences in calculating this rate.)
 - ♠ 0-2%
 - ® 3-5%
 - © 6-10%

More than 10%

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- 11. About what percentage of students who are enrolled at the beginning of the school year is still enrolled at the end of the school year? (Exclude students who transfer into the school during the school year in figuring this rate.)
 - 98–100%
 - ® 95-97%
 - © 90-94%
 - © 80-89%
 - © 70-79%
 - © 60-69%
 - © 50-59%
 - ⊕ Less than 50%

- 12. About what percentage of this year's eighth graders was held back and is repeating eighth grade?
 - **a** 0%

 - © 3-5%
 - © 6-10%
 - © More than 10%

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- 13. Of the full-time teachers who started in your school last year, what percentage left before the end of the school year?
 - **a** 0%

 - © 3-5%
 - © 6-10%
 - ① 11-15%
 - ₱ 16-20%
 - © More than 20%

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- 14. Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?
 - $igotimes \operatorname{Yes} \to \operatorname{Go}$ to Question 15.
 - B No \rightarrow *Skip to Question 18.*

- 15. How does the school operate the program?
 - Student eligibility is determined individually, and eligible students receive free or reduced-price lunch. → Skip to Question 17.
 - B All students in school receive free lunch under special provisions (e.g., Provision 2 or 3). \rightarrow *Go* to *Question 16*.

- 16. If your school distributes free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3, what was the base year during which individual student eligibility was collected?
 - This school does not distribute free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3—eligibility is determined annually.
 - ® 2007
 - © 2006
 - © 2005

- ② 2004
- © 2003
- © 2002 or earlier

- 17. During this school year, about what percentage of students in your school was eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program?
 - **a** 0%

 - © 6-10%
 - ① 11-25%
 - © 26-34%
 - ① 35-50%
 - © 51-75%
 - ⊕ 76-99%
 - **100%**

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- 18. Does your school receive Title I funding? (Title I is a federally funded program which provides educational services, such as remedial reading or remedial math, to children who live in areas with high concentrations of low-income families.)
 - No
 - Yes, our school receives funds, which are targeted to eligible students.
 - © Yes, our school receives funds, which are used for schoolwide purposes.

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19. Approximately what percentage of students in your school receives the following services? Fill in **one** oval on each line. Students who receive more than one service should be counted for each service they receive. Please report the percentage of students who receive each of the following services as of the day you respond to this questionnaire.

		None	1-5%	6-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-90%	Over 90%	
ä	a. Targeted Title I services	(A)	$^{ ext{ B}}$	0	(Œ	(Ē)	©	\oplus	VB610145
ŀ	o. Gifted and talented program	A	®	©	•	Œ	(E)	©	\oplus	VB485286
C	c. Instruction provided in student's home language (non-English)	(A)	₿	0	(D)	(E)	(Ē)	©	\oplus	VB485287
(d. English-as-a-second- language (not in a bilingual education program)	A	®	©	0	Œ	(F)	©	\oplus	VB485288
ϵ	e. Special education	A	B	\bigcirc	((F)	(F)	©	(H)	VB485289

Part II: Arts

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1. Are eighth-grade students typically assigned to classes by ability and/or achievement levels (so that some classes are higher in average ability and/or achievement levels than others) in any of the following subjects? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	A	В	002231
b. Music	(A)	В	002233
c. Theater	(A)	В	002235
d. Visual arts	A	■ HE	2002236

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2. How often does a typical eighth-grade student in your school receive instruction in each of the following subjects? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Every day	Three or four times a week	Once or twice a week	Less than once a week	Subject not taught	
a. Dance	(A)	₿	©	0	Ē	HE002147
b. Music	A	₿	©	0	(E)	HE002152
c. Theater	A	$^{ ext{ $	©	0	(E)	HE002150
d. Visual arts	lack	®	©	(D)	Œ	HE002151

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3. Are computers available to students in your classes in any of the following ways? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Available all the time in classrooms	(A)	(3)	HE000843
b. Grouped in a separate computer laboratory available to classes	(4)	(8)	HE000864
c. Available to bring to classrooms when needed	(A)	®	HE000866

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4. Is this a school with a special focus on any of the following (e.g., a magnet school)? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	®	293429
b. Music	(A)	®	293430
c. Theater	(A)	®	293431
d. Visual arts	(A)	B	293432

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5. Does your district or state have a curriculum in any of the following subject areas that your school is expected to follow? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	®	VC293471
b. Music	(A)	®	VC293472
c. Theater	(A)	®	VC293473
d. Visual arts	A	®	VC293474

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6. In the last year, did your school sponsor eighth-grade field trips in connection with any of the following subject areas? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	B	VC293507
b. Music	(A)	B	VC293509
c. Theater	(A)	B	VC293510
d. Visual arts	A	®	VC293511

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7.	Do eighth graders in your school participate in school-sponsored extracurricular
	activities such as clubs, competitions, fairs, or exhibits in any of the following areas? Fill
	in one oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	®	VC293528
b. Music	(A)	®	VC293530
c. Theater	(A)	®	VC293531
d. Visual arts	(A)	®	VC293532

8. Do eighth graders in your school participate in school-related summer programs in any of the following areas? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	®	VC293538
b. Music	(A)	®	VC293547
c. Theater	(A)	®	VC293551
d. Visual arts	(A)	®	VC293554

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9. What is the position of the person(s) on your staff who teach dance or movement to eighth graders? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Full-time specialist	A	®	VC293569
b. Part-time specialist	A	®	VC293571
c. Physical education teacher	(A)	®	VC293572
d. Elementary classroom teacher	(A)	®	VC293573
e. Other faculty member	(A)	®	VC293574
f. Artist-in-residence	(A)	®	VC293575
g. Volunteer	(A)	®	VC293576

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10. What is the position of the person(s) on your staff who teach music to eighth graders? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Full-time specialist	(A)	®	VC293609
b. Part-time specialist	(A)	®	VC293610
c. Elementary classroom teacher	(A)	®	VC293611
d. Other faculty member	(A)	®	VC293612
e. Artist-in-residence	(A)	®	VC293614
f. Volunteer	A	®	VC293615

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11. What is the position of the person(s) on your staff who teach theater or drama to eighth graders? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Full-time specialist	(A)	®	VC294053
b. Part-time specialist	(A)	®	VC294054
c. English or language arts teacher	(A)	B	VC294055
d. Elementary classroom teacher	(A)	B	VC294057
e. Other faculty member	(A)	B	VC294058
f. Artist-in-residence	(A)	B	VC294059
g. Volunteer	A	®	VC294060

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12. What is the position of the person(s) on your staff who teach visual arts to eighth graders? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Full-time specialist	(A)	®	VC294062
b. Part-time specialist	(A)	®	VC294064
c. Elementary classroom teacher	(A)	®	VC294075
d. Other faculty member	(A)	®	VC294076
e. Artist-in-residence	(A)	®	VC294080
f. Volunteer	A	B	VC294081

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13. Which best describes the space for the teaching of dance in your school?

- Dance is not taught.
- Dance studio with special dance equipment
- © Room(s) dedicated to dance teaching, without special equipment
- Gymnasium, auditorium, or cafeteria
- © Classrooms only
- ① Other (specify)_____

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14. Which best describes the space for the teaching and performing of music in your school?

- Music is not taught.
- ® Room(s) dedicated to music teaching, and stage
- © Room(s) dedicated to music teaching, no stage
- Stage, no room dedicated to music teaching
- © Classrooms only
- ① Other (specify)_____

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15.	Which best describes the space for the teaching of theater in your school?				
	\bigcirc	Theater is not taught.			
	®	Stage with special equipment	(e.g., curtains, dressing rooms	8)	
	0	Stage without special equipme	ent		
	0	Room(s) dedicated to theater t	eaching		
	(E)	Gymnasium, auditorium, or ca	nfeteria		
	Ð	Classrooms only			
	©	Other (specify)	_		
16.	Wh	ich best describes the space for	the teaching of visual arts in	your school?	HE002072
	(A)	Visual arts are not taught.			
	B	Art studio with special equipm	nent		
	0	Room(s) dedicated to art but w	vith no special equipment		
	0	Art-on-a-cart; no dedicated spa	ice		
	(E)	Classrooms only			
	(Ē)	Other (specify)	_		
17.		he last year, did your school bri		rm, demonstrate, or	teach
	ın t	he following areas? Fill in one o	Yes	No	
		· · · · ·			VC294084
		Dance	(A)	B	VC294086
		Music	(A)	®	
		heater	(A)	®	VC294088
	d. V	isual arts	(A)	®	VC294089

18. In the last year, did your school sponsor a visiting artist program (such as an Artist-in-the-Schools program) in any of the following areas? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Dance	(A)	®	VC294091
b. Film	(A)	®	VC294092
c. Folk arts	(A)	®	VC294093
d. Music	(A)	®	VC294094
e. Theater	(A)	®	VC294097
f. Visual arts	(A)	®	VC294098

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19. During this year, what percentage of eighth graders received instruction in the following arts in your school? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	0-10%	11-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	81-100%	
a. Dance	(A)	$^{ ext{ B}}$	©	0	(E)	(F)	HE002214
b. Music	(A)	$^{ ext{ B}}$	0	•	(E)	(Ē)	HE002215
c. Theater	(A)	$^{ ext{ B}}$	0	•	Ē	Œ	HE002216
d. Visual Arts	A	$^{\odot}$	©	(D)	(E)	(F)	HE002217

Part III: Supplemental Charter School Questions

This section should be completed by the principal or head of the school. If your school is a <u>charter</u> school, please continue. If your school is <u>not</u> a charter school, you have finished the survey. Thank you for your time.

1.	In which year did your school start providing instruction as a charter school?	VC104697
2.	How many times has your charter been renewed ? (If "0 Times" skip to Question	vc104699 on 5)
	Times	
3.	In which year was your charter most recently renewed?	VC104700
4.	For how many years was your charter renewed?	VC104701
	① 1 to 3 years	
	4 to 5 years	
	© 6 to 10 years	
	① 11 or more years	

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5.	Who	o granted your school's original charter?	03
	(A)	School district	
	₿	State board of education (includes State Board of Regents and District of Columbia Board of Education)	
	0	Postsecondary institution	
	0	State charter-granting agency	
	Œ	City or state public charter school board	
	Ð	Other	
6.	Is yo	our charter school a newly created school or was it converted from a pre-existing school Newly created school \rightarrow <i>Skip to Question</i> 8. Converted from a pre-existing school \rightarrow <i>Go to Question</i> 7.	
7.	Was	s the pre-existing school a public school or a private school? Public school Private school	56

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- 8. Which one of the following best describes your charter school's **primary** focus in terms of program content?
 - We have a comprehensive curriculum with no specialized area of focus.
 - We have a special curricular focus, for example, the arts, math/science, foreign language immersion.
 - Our curriculum is based on a particular educational theory, for example, Montessori, open school, Core Knowledge.
 - Our curriculum is based on a particular moral philosophy or set of values, for example, African-centered education, character-based education, Eastern philosophy.

9. Among eighth-grade students who are new to your school this year, approximately what percentage performs **at or above average** on your state assessment?

Percent

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- 10. Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?
 - $igotimes \operatorname{Yes} \to \operatorname{Skip}$ to Question 12.
 - \mathbb{B} No \rightarrow Go to Question 11.

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- 11. Why does your school **not** participate in the National School Lunch Program?
 - My school has eligible students but chooses not to participate in the program.
 - ® My school does not have students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.
 - My school does not have a cafeteria or does not serve lunch.
 - Other

- 12. What is the legal status of your school?
 - Officially part of the school district or local education agency (LEA)
 - (LEA) Independent from the school district or local education agency
 - A separate local education agency (LEA) as stipulated by state law

13. Who has **primary control or authority** over the following aspects of your school? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Your school	Management company	District/ charter- granting agency	Governing board/ board of trustees	Other	
a. Total budget	A	®	©	(D)	Œ	VC104825
b. Purchase of supplies and equipment	(A)	B	©	•	Ē	VC104832
c. School calendar	A	B	0	(D)	Œ	VC104838
d. Student discipline policies (e.g., suspension/ expulsion)	A	₿	©	(D)	(E)	VC104842
e. Curriculum	A	$^{ ext{ B}}$	©	(D)	(E)	VC104844
f. Personnel, including hiring of teaching staff	(A)	B	0	•	Œ	VC104846

14. In which of the following areas is your school monitored/audited by the state or your school's charter-granting agency?

	Yes, by state	Yes, by charter-granting agency	Not monitored	
a. Curriculum topics taught	(A)	B	©	VC104866
b. Teaching methods used	(A)	B	©	VC104871
c. Student achievement	A	®	©	VC104880
d. Student behavior	A	®	©	VC104886
e. Student attendance	A	®	©	VC104895
f. School governance	A	®	©	VC104898
g. School finances	A	®	©	VC104900
h. Compliance with state or federal regulations	(A)	®	©	VC104901
i. Special education services	(A)	®	©	VC104903

15. Are you **required** to report directly to any of the following groups on your school's progress? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Chartering agency	A	B VC1049	43
b. Parents	A	B VC1049	44
c. Community/general public	A	B VC1049	45
d. School governing board	A	B VC1049	46
e. Private funders or donors	A	B VC1049	47
f. State Board of Education	A	B VC1049	48
g. State department of education (if this is not the chartering agency)	(A)	B VC1049	49
h. Legislature	A	B VC1049	50

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- 16. Have you asked parents why they chose to send their children to your school this year?
 - igotimes No
 ightarrow You have finished the survey. Thank you for your time.
 - B Yes, we have asked some parents about this. \rightarrow *Go to Question 17.*
 - \bigcirc Yes, we have asked all or most of the parents. \rightarrow *Go to Question 17.*

17. Of the parents you asked, about how many indicated that they chose to send their children to your school for the following reasons? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	None	Less than half	About half	About three- quarters	All or almost all	Did not ask	
a. Their child was performing poorly in another school.	(A)	®	©	0	(E)	Ē	VC316413
b. They wanted a more rigorous curriculum for their child.	A	B	0	•	(E)	(Ē)	VC316414
c. They wanted the particular curricular focus this school has.	A	B	0	•	(E)	(Ē)	VC316416
d. They wanted a safer environment for their child.	(A)	B	©	•	Œ	Ē	VC316418
e. They were seeking greater parental involvement in their child's education.	(A)	₿	©	•	Œ)	(Ē)	VC316424
f. They wanted smaller class sizes.	(A)	B	©	•	Œ	Ē	VC316428
g. Other reason	A	®	©	(D)	(E)	(Ē)	VC316431