



Student Background Questionnaire

2007

Grade 4 for Alaska



DIRECTIONS

This booklet contains two sections of questions. You will be asked about yourself, your education, and your family. There are no wrong answers to any of the questions.

For some questions, the choices will be written **down** the page. Here is an example. Read the example and fill in the oval for the best answer.

Example 1

1. Which of these do you enjoy doing the most?

- Ⓐ Watching television
- Ⓑ Playing a game with friends

You should have filled in the oval beside the activity you enjoy doing the most.

The choices for some other questions will be written **across** the page. Here is an example. Read the example and fill in one oval on each line.

Example 2

2. How often do you do each of the following things? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
a. Watch television	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ
b. Play a game with friends	<input type="radio"/> Ⓐ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓑ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓒ	<input type="radio"/> Ⓓ

Make your answer marks clear and dark in the ovals. If you make a mistake or want to change your answer, be sure to completely erase any unwanted marks.

You will be told when it is time to begin and end.

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SECTION 1

In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 7 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
- Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
- Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
- Ⓓ Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
- Ⓔ Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.

2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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- Ⓐ White
- Ⓑ Black or African American
- Ⓒ Asian
- Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
- Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

For the rest of the questions in this section, fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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6. Is there a computer at home that you use?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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4. Does your family get any magazines regularly?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer.

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know.

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5. About how many books are there in your home?

- Ⓐ Few (0–10)
- Ⓑ Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- Ⓒ Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- Ⓓ Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)

SECTION 2

Some of the questions in this section are about your American Indian or Alaska Native background. When you answer these questions, think about the American Indian or Alaska Native group to which you and your family belong. You may call this group a tribe, a nation, a village, a band, or a community.

If you are connected to more than one American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, answer for the one you know best.

1. How much do you know about your American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group? VB190315
- A A lot
 - B Some
 - C Nothing or not very much
2. How often do you go to American Indian or Alaska Native ceremonies and gatherings? VC190316
- A Several times a year
 - B At least once a year
 - C Less than once a year
 - D Never
3. How often do members of your family talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language? VC190317
- A Most of the time
 - B About half of the time
 - C Once in awhile
 - D Never
4. During 4th grade, have any American Indian or Alaska Native people come to your school to talk about their culture and traditions? VC190318
- A Yes
 - B No
5. During 4th grade, has your class gone on field trips to museums, traditional villages, or other places to learn about American Indians or Alaska Natives? VC190319
- A Yes
 - B No
6. During 4th grade, have you checked out books or other materials about American Indians or Alaska Natives from the school library? Do not count things you checked out of the public library. VC190320
- A Yes
 - B No

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7. How often do you read for fun on your own time?

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

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8. Here are some sentences about reading stories. For each line, fill in **one** oval to show whether the sentence describes a person like you.

	This is a lot like me.	This is a little like me.	This is not like me.	
a. I enjoy reading long stories.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190323
b. I make pictures in my mind when I read.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190324
c. I read stories about make believe.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190325
d. I read a lot of adventure stories.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190326

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9. Here are some more sentences about reading. For each line, fill in **one** oval to show whether the sentence describes a person like you.

	This is a lot like me.	This is a little like me.	This is not like me.	
a. If the teacher talks about something interesting, I read more about it.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190329
b. I enjoy reading about American Indians or Alaska Natives.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190330
c. I enjoy reading about people who are different from me.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190331
d. I like to read about new things.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VC190332



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10. What kind of grades do you get in **reading**?

- Ⓐ Very good
- Ⓑ Good
- Ⓒ Fair
- Ⓓ Poor

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11. What kind of grades do you get in **math**?

- Ⓐ Very good
- Ⓑ Good
- Ⓒ Fair
- Ⓓ Poor

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12. How much do you like **school**?

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

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13. How often do your parents, or someone else in your family, help you with your schoolwork? For example, they might help you study for a test, help you with a school project, or go over your homework with you.

- Ⓐ Every day
- Ⓑ Two or three times a week
- Ⓒ About once a week
- Ⓓ Once every few weeks
- Ⓔ Never or hardly ever

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14. Do any of the following people help you with your schoolwork **before or after school**? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. A teacher or another adult from my school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VC190339
b. Another student	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VC190340
c. Someone else who lives in my community or is a friend of my family	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VC190341

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15. Do you know the name of your American Indian or Alaska Native group? (You may call your group a tribe, a nation, a village, a band, or a community.)

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I'm not sure.



16. If you know the name of your American Indian or Alaska Native group, or if you think you know it, please print it on the line below. Don't worry about spelling. If you belong to more than one American Indian or Alaska Native group, write the names of as many as you know.

17. What else would you like to say about yourself or about American Indians or Alaska Natives? Use these lines to write your ideas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT.

