

**Table 116.—Student values and attitudes toward writing, by grade level:
1984, 1990, 1992, and 1994**

Statements about writing	Percent of students reporting the statement is true more than half the time, by grade level											
	Grade 4				Grade 8				Grade 11			
	1984	1990	1992	1994	1984	1990	1992	1994	1984	1990	1992	1994
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Writing helps me think more clearly	—	—	—	—	44	46	42	42	52	47	50	54
Writing helps me tell others what I think	—	—	—	—	52	56	52	54	55	58	57	58
Writing helps tell others how I feel	—	—	—	—	50	56	52	52	55	60	60	60
Writing helps me understand my own feelings	—	—	—	—	40	47	44	45	47	50	49	54
People who write well have a better chance of getting good jobs	—	—	—	—	47	53	51	51	54	58	59	58
People who write well are more influential	—	—	—	—	49	55	52	51	54	60	60	57
I like to write	56	57	54	56	39	42	43	42	40	39	43	42
I am a good writer	60	62	63	64	42	44	44	49	39	44	49	46
People like what I write	53	56	55	58	38	39	44	44	36	42	46	44
I write on my own outside of school	48	42	46	45	36	35	37	36	31	28	33	32
I don't like to write things that will be graded	38	33	32	33	31	36	37	38	27	30	30	33
If I didn't have to write for school, I wouldn't write anything	33	27	28	27	17	19	18	21	15	16	17	17

—Data not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *NAEP 1994 Trends in Academic Progress*, by Educational Testing Service. (This table was prepared March 1997.)