

# Visual Arts Student Background Questionnaire

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**2008**  
**Grade 8**

## DIRECTIONS

In the next two sections, you will be asked questions about yourself and your education. The choices for some questions will be written across the page as shown. Fill in the oval for the best answer.

### Example 1

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day
1. How often do you watch movies on TV?	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D

You should have filled in the oval below the answer that best tells how often you watch movies on TV.

The choices for some questions will be written down the page as shown. Now read Example 2 and indicate your answer.

### Example 2

2. Which event would you prefer to attend?
<input type="radio"/> A basketball game
<input type="radio"/> B car show
<input type="radio"/> C concert
<input type="radio"/> D play

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

Do not go past the  sign at the end of each section until you are told to do so.

If you finish before time is called, go back and check your work on that section only. Use your time carefully. Do as much as you can in each section.



# SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet.

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

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

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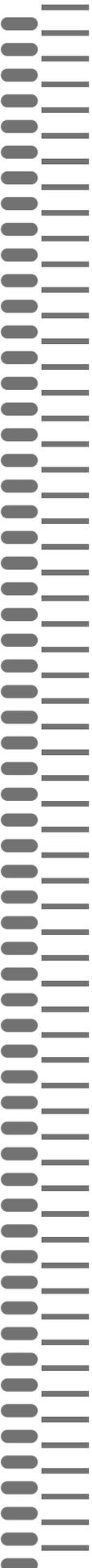
2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in **one or more ovals**.

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

Section 3

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

3. Does your family get a newspaper at least four times a week? VB331333
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
4. Does your family get any magazines regularly? VB331334
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
5. About how many books are there in your home? VB331335
- (A) Few (0–10)
- (B) Enough to fill one shelf (11–25)
- (C) Enough to fill one bookcase (26–100)
- (D) Enough to fill several bookcases (more than 100)
6. Is there a computer at home that you use? VB331336
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
7. Is there an encyclopedia in your home? It could be a set of books, or it could be on the computer. VB331337
- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) I don't know.
8. About how many pages a day do you have to read in school and for homework? TB001101
- (A) 5 or fewer
- (B) 6–10
- (C) 11–15
- (D) 16–20
- (E) More than 20
9. How often do you talk about things you have studied in school with someone in your family? VB331339
- (A) Never or hardly ever
- (B) Once every few weeks
- (C) About once a week
- (D) Two or three times a week
- (E) Every day



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10. How many days were you absent from school in the last month?

- Ⓐ None
- Ⓑ 1 or 2 days
- Ⓒ 3 or 4 days
- Ⓓ 5 to 10 days
- Ⓔ More than 10 days

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11. How far in school did your mother go?

- Ⓐ She did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ She graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ She had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ She graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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12. How far in school did your father go?

- Ⓐ He did not finish high school.
- Ⓑ He graduated from high school.
- Ⓒ He had some education after high school.
- Ⓓ He graduated from college.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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13. How often do people in your home talk to each other in a language other than English?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ About half of the time
- Ⓓ All or most of the time



# SECTION 4

## Section 4

This section has 13 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Follow the instructions for each question.

LD001282

1. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	
a. I like to look at art.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001283
b. I like to do artwork.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001284
c. I think I have talent for art.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001285
d. People tell me I am a good artist.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001286
e. I like to show my artwork to other people.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001287
f. I would like to be an artist when I grow up.	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	LD001288

LD001316

2. Are you taking an art course now, or have you taken an art course this year?

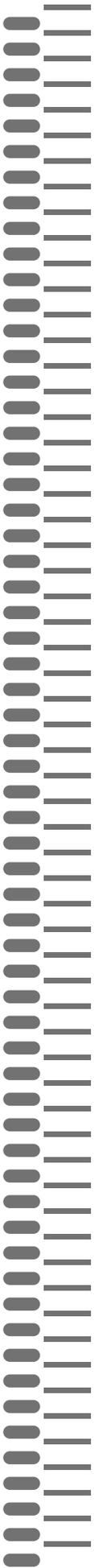
- A Yes
- B No

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LD001317

3. When you have art in school, how often does your teacher have you do the following things?  
Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Every day	Once a week	Once a month	Never or hardly ever	
a. Paint or draw	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001318
b. Make things out of clay or other materials	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001319
c. Choose your own art project	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001320
d. Work in a pair or a group on an art project	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001321
e. Talk with others about your artwork or that of other students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001322
f. Write about your artwork	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001323
g. Look at videotapes, filmstrips, slides, or television programs about art	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	LD001324
h. Work with a camera, computer, or photocopier to make artwork	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VC322796



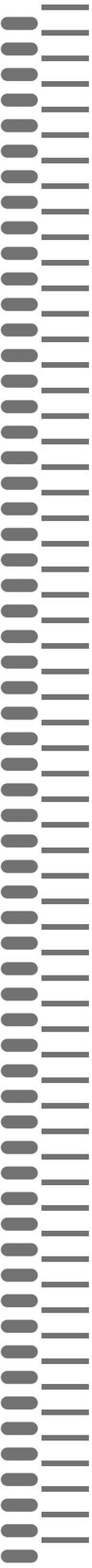
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4. How often does your teacher have you show your artwork in an exhibit?
- (A) Once or twice a **month**
  - (B) Once or twice a **year**
  - (C) Never or hardly ever
- LD001327
5. In school, do you ever illustrate your work in other subjects?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
- LD001328
6. Do you keep an art journal or sketchbook in school?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
- LD001329
7. Do either you or your teacher save your artwork in a portfolio?
- (A) Yes
  - (B) No
- LD001300
8. How often do you have homework for art class?
- (A) About once a week
  - (B) About once a month
  - (C) Never or hardly ever
- LD001302
9. In the last year, how many times did you go with your class to an art museum, gallery, or exhibit?
- (A) None
  - (B) 1 or 2 times
  - (C) 3 or more times

Section 4

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10. When you are **not** in school, do you ever do the following things on your own, **not** in connection with schoolwork? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

- |  | Yes                     | No                      |          |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| a. Go to an art museum or exhibit                    | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288040 |
| b. Take art classes                                  | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288043 |
| c. Make artwork                                      | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288045 |
| d. Exhibit your artwork                              | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288046 |
| e. Enter an art competition                          | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288048 |
| f. Go to a summer art program                        | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288050 |
| g. Look at or read a book about art                  | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288051 |
| h. Watch a videotape or television program about art | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288053 |
| i. Talk with your family or friends about art        | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288054 |
| j. Visit an artist's studio                          | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288056 |
| k. Keep an art journal or sketchbook                 | <input type="radio"/> A | <input type="radio"/> B | VC288057 |



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11. How hard was this test compared to most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- Ⓐ Easier than other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than other tests

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12. How hard did you try on this test compared to how hard you tried on most other tests you have taken this year in school?

- Ⓐ Not as hard as on other tests
- Ⓑ About as hard as on other tests
- Ⓒ Harder than on other tests
- Ⓓ Much harder than on other tests

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13. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

- Ⓐ Not very important
- Ⓑ Somewhat important
- Ⓒ Important
- Ⓓ Very important

