



Mathematics

Student Background Questionnaire

2005
Grade 4

SECTION 3

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In this section, please tell us about yourself and your family. The section has 11 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

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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 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

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This section has 14 questions. Mark your answers in your booklet. Fill in only **one** oval for each question.

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1. How often do you use a computer for math at school?

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

For the following questions, think about all the times you do things for math. Include things you do at home, at school, or anywhere else.

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2. Do you use a computer to type reports for math?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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4. Do you use a computer to practice or drill on math?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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3. Do you use a computer to make charts or graphs for math?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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5. Do you use a computer to play math games?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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6. Do you use a computer to e-mail your teacher about math?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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7. Do you use the Internet to learn things about math?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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8. How often do you use a calculator?

- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once in a while
- Ⓒ Almost every day

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9. What kind of calculator do you normally use?

- Ⓐ I don't have a calculator
- Ⓑ Regular calculator (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
- Ⓒ Graphing calculator

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10. Have you ever used a graphing calculator?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I don't know what a graphing calculator is

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11. When you take a math test or quiz, how often do you use a calculator?

- Ⓐ Never
- Ⓑ Sometimes
- Ⓒ Always

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12. 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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13. 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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14. How important was it to you to do well on this test?

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

