

# School Background Questionnaire

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**2001**  
**Grade 12**

# SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE

## Grade 12

During the 2000-2001 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 U.S. history, world geography, reading, and writing. 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. For 2000-2001 we are also making a special effort to find out about computer technology.

**Part 1 and Part 3 of this questionnaire should be completed by the principal or other head administrator.**

**Part 2 of this questionnaire should be completed by whomever is most knowledgeable about school-related technology issues.**

We realize that you are very busy; however, we urge you to complete the questionnaire as carefully as possible. The information that you provide will be kept confidential.

NAEP is authorized under Public Law 103-382. While your participation is voluntary, your responses to these questions are needed to make this survey accurate and complete.

Please answer directly on the questionnaire by filling in the appropriate ovals or boxes, as directed.

When you are finished, please return the questionnaire to your school's NAEP coordinator.

Thank you very much for your help.



## Part I: School Characteristics

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

Several questions ask you to fill in numbers. For these questions, please print the appropriate numbers in each of the boxes provided. Please print legibly with a No. 2 pencil. Keep all printing within the boxes, and erase any stray marks.

Using one number per box, fill in every box. For example, 95 students would be written as:

0	9	5
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1. What grades are taught at your school? Fill in **all** ovals that apply.

- Ⓐ Pre-kindergarten
- Ⓑ Kindergarten
- Ⓒ 1st grade
- Ⓓ 2nd grade
- Ⓔ 3rd grade
- Ⓕ 4th grade
- Ⓖ 5th grade
- Ⓗ 6th grade
- Ⓙ 7th grade
- Ⓛ 8th grade
- Ⓚ 9th grade
- Ⓛ 10th grade
- Ⓜ 11th grade
- Ⓝ 12th grade

2. During the last three years, has your school had any of the following?  
Fill in **one** oval on each line.

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- |                                                      | Yes | No | Don't<br>know |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|---------------|----------|
| a. Technology magnet program                         | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | Ⓒ             | VB338413 |
| b. Technology-related business/community partnership | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | Ⓒ             | VB338414 |
| c. Technology grant                                  | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | Ⓒ             | VB338415 |
| d. "E-rate" discounts                                | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | Ⓒ             | VB338416 |

3. As of February 1, 2001, how many days of instruction will students in your school have had this school year? (If your school has multiple tracks with different schedules, please answer separately for each track.)

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days of instruction in first (or only) track

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days of instruction in second track

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days of instruction in third track

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4. What is the current enrollment in your school?

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5. Of the students currently enrolled in your school, what percentage has been identified as limited-English proficient?

- Ⓐ 0%
- Ⓑ 1-5%
- Ⓒ 6-10%
- Ⓓ 11-25%
- Ⓔ 26-50%
- Ⓕ 51-75%
- Ⓖ 76-90%
- Ⓗ Over 90%

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6. Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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7. 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?

- Ⓐ 0%
- Ⓑ 1-5%
- Ⓒ 6-10%
- Ⓓ 11-25%
- Ⓔ 26-50%
- Ⓕ 51-75%
- Ⓖ 76-99%
- Ⓗ 100%

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8. 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.)

- A Yes
- B No

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9. 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%	
a. Title I funding	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> H	VB337259
b. Gifted and talented program	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> H	VB337260
c. Instruction provided in student's home language (non-English)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> H	VB337321
d. English-as-a-second-language instruction	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> H	VB337322
e. Special education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	<input type="radio"/> G	<input type="radio"/> H	VB337323

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10. For students who will graduate this year, what is the total number of years (or Carnegie-unit equivalents) of coursework that your school or district requires in social studies? (Count only requirements for courses taken in grades 9 through 12.)

- A None
- B One-half year
- C One year
- D Two years
- E Three years
- F Four years
- G More than four years





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11. Of the years required for social studies, how many years (or Carnegie-unit equivalents) of coursework does your school or district require in each of the following subjects? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	None	One-half year	One year	Two years	Three years	Four years
a. A course primarily focused on U.S. history	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
b. A course primarily focused on geography	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)

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12. At what grade do students in your school typically take the following courses? Fill in **all** ovals that apply.

	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade	This course is not offered in my school
a. A course primarily focused on U.S. history	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
b. A course primarily focused on geography	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)

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13. Of students in last year's graduating class, approximately what percentage has gone on to each of the following types of schools? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	None	1-5%	6-10%	11-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-90%	Over 90%
a. Four-year colleges or universities	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
b. Two-year colleges	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
c. Vocational-technical or business schools	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)

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## Part II: Computer Resources

This part of the questionnaire should be completed by the technology coordinator at the school. If there is no designated technology coordinator at the school, this part of the questionnaire can be completed by the principal, the head of the school, or whomever is most knowledgeable about school-related technology issues.

Several questions ask you to fill in numbers. For these questions, please print the appropriate number in each of the boxes provided. Please print legibly with a No. 2 pencil. Keep all printing within the boxes, and erase any stray marks.

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1. In your school, how many computers are used for instructional purposes?

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2. Of the computers used for instructional purposes, what percentage is less than three years old?

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- (A) 0%
- (B) 1-5%
- (C) 6-10%
- (D) 11-25%
- (E) 26-50%
- (F) 51-75%
- (G) 76-90%
- (H) Over 90%

3. Does your school have a Local Area Network (also known as a LAN or a computer network)?

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- (A) Yes → Go to Question 4
- (B) No → Skip to Question 5





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4. What is the Local Area Network used for? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Instructional purposes	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VB337337
b. Administrative purposes	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VB337338

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5. How many of the computers used for instructional purposes are connected to the Internet in each of the following ways? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	0%	1-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-99%	100%	
a. High speed Internet connection (for example, cable, ISDN, T1)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337340
b. Internet connection via standard telephone line	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337361
c. No Internet connection	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337362

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6. How many of the computers used for instructional purposes are currently configured to play audio and video from each of the following sources? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	0%	1-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-99%	100%	
a. Configured to play audio/video <b>only</b> from CD-ROM or other local device	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337364
b. Configured to play audio/video from <b>both</b> CD-ROM and the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337365
c. Not configured for audio/video	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VB337366

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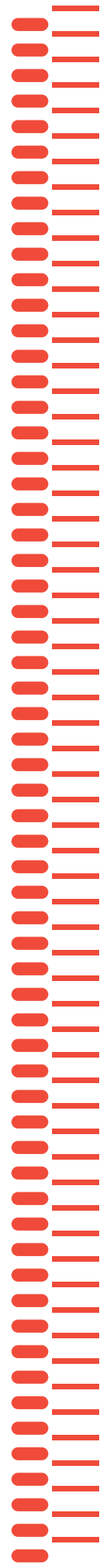
7. Does either your school or your district have a written technology plan?

- Ⓐ Yes → *Go to Question 8*
- Ⓑ No → *Skip to Question 9*
- Ⓒ Don't know → *Skip to Question 9*

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8. Are the following addressed in the technology plan(s) for either your school or your district? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	<b>Addressed in plan(s)</b>	<b>Not addressed in plan(s)</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
a. Regular upgrades of computer hardware/software at your school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337369
b. Installing or updating a local area network at your school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337370
c. Establishing or upgrading Internet connectivity at your school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337371
d. Basic computer literacy training for teachers	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337372
e. Professional development for teachers on using technology for instruction	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337373
f. Technical support for your school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337374
g. Evaluating the impact of technology	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	VB337375



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9. How much does each of the following limit the use of technology in your school?  
Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Inadequate financial resources	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB337377
b. Lack of technical personnel	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB337378
c. Lack of strategic plan	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB337379
d. Lack of teacher interest or skills	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB337380
e. Inadequate wiring or other facilities problems	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VB337721

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10. In your school, do teachers have access to each of the following for instructional use?  
Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes	No	
a. Cable television	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337723
b. Closed-circuit television	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337724
c. Videodisc player	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337725
d. Video camera	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337726
e. Video production studio	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337728
f. Satellite TV hook-up	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337729
g. Videoconferencing equipment	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337730
h. Scanner (for images or text)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337732
i. LCD panel/projector (for projecting images directly from the computer)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337733
j. Laptop computer	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VB337734



11. Who provides technical support in your school? Fill in **one** oval on each line. VB337735

- |                                                                                                 | Provides | Does not<br>provide |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| a. A school employee who is assigned to this function full time                                 | Ⓐ        | Ⓑ                   | VB337736 |
| b. A school employee who is assigned to this function part time or as an adjunct responsibility | Ⓐ        | Ⓑ                   | VB337737 |
| c. A district employee who is responsible for multiple schools                                  | Ⓐ        | Ⓑ                   | VB337738 |
| d. An outside contractor/vendor who is called as needed                                         | Ⓐ        | Ⓑ                   | VB337739 |
| e. Teachers, students, or other staff members who provide support informally                    | Ⓐ        | Ⓑ                   | VB337740 |

12. Does either your school or your district offer the following types of formal training for teachers? Fill in **one** oval on each line. VB338381

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| a. Learning to use new software                                                                      | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338382 |
| b. Accessing and searching the Internet                                                              | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338383 |
| c. Using computers to help students develop analytical, critical-thinking, or problem-solving skills | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338384 |

13. Are the following types of support for computer training available for teachers in your school? Fill in **one** oval on each line. VB338386

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----------|
| a. Release time from classes or other responsibilities             | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338387 |
| b. Travel expenses                                                 | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338388 |
| c. Stipends for participation in training                          | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338389 |
| d. Tuition and class fees for classes not taken for college credit | Ⓐ   | Ⓑ  | VB338390 |