



# Student Background Questionnaire

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2009

Grade 4 for Alaska



## DIRECTIONS

This booklet contains two sections of questions. You will be asked about yourself, your education, and your family. Please answer these questions the best that you can. There are no wrong answers to any of the questions.

For most questions the choices will be written **down** the page as in Example 1. Read the example and fill in the oval that best describes you.

### ***Example 1***

1. Which of these do you enjoy doing more?

☐ Reading a book

☐ Playing a game with friends

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

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.

For a few questions you will be asked to print your answers. Please PRINT LEGIBLY on the lines provided.

You will be told when to begin and to stop.



## National Indian Education Study

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Some of the questions are about your American Indian or Alaska Native background. When you answer these questions, think about the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group to which you and your family belong. You may call your tribe or group 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? For example, you may know about the history, traditions, or arts and crafts of your tribe or group. VC759180
- ☐ Ⓐ Nothing
- ☐ Ⓑ A little
- ☐ Ⓒ Some
- ☐ Ⓓ A lot
2. How often do you go to American Indian or Alaska Native ceremonies and gatherings? VC759183
- ☐ Ⓐ Never
- ☐ Ⓑ Every few years
- ☐ Ⓒ At least once a year
- ☐ Ⓓ Several times a year
3. How often do members of your family talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language? VC759193
- ☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- ☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- ☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
4. How often do people in your school talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language? VC759195
- ☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- ☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- ☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

5. During 4th grade, have any American Indian or Alaska Native people come to your school to talk about their traditions and cultures (ways of life, customs)?  
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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
6. During 4th grade, have you attended school field trips to museums, traditional villages, or other places to learn about American Indian or Alaska Native people?  
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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No, but other 4th-grade students did.
- Ⓒ Not offered to 4th-grade students.
7. During 4th grade, have you used books, videos, or other materials about American Indian or Alaska Native people?  
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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
8. During 4th grade, have you used or checked out books, videos, or other materials about American Indian or Alaska Native people from your school library?  
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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
9. How often do you read for fun on your own time?  
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
10. When my teacher talks about something interesting in class, I try to read more about it.  
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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.
11. I enjoy reading long stories (for example, chapter books).  
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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.
12. I enjoy reading about American Indian or Alaska Native people.  
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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

13. I enjoy reading about people who have different traditions and cultures (ways of life, customs) than I have.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

14. How do you rate yourself in reading?

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

15. How often do you do math for fun on your own time? For example, play math games or solve math puzzles.

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

16. When my teacher talks about math, I try to learn more about it.

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- Ⓐ This is not like me.
- Ⓑ This is a little like me.
- Ⓒ This is a lot like me.

17. How do you rate yourself in math?

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

18. How often does a parent or someone else from your family help you with your schoolwork? For example, they might help you to study for a test, help you with a school project, or go over your homework with you.

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

19. How often does a teacher or another adult from your school help you with your schoolwork? For example, they might help you to study for a test, help you with a school project, or go over your homework with you.

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

20. How often does another student from your school help you with your schoolwork? For example, they might help you to study for a test, help you with a school project, or go over your homework with you.
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
21. How often does someone else who lives in your community or is a friend of your family help you with your schoolwork? For example, they might help you to study for a test, help you with a school project, or go over your homework with you.
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- Ⓐ Never or hardly ever
- Ⓑ Once or twice a month
- Ⓒ Once or twice a week
- Ⓓ Every day or almost every day
22. How much do you like school?
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- Ⓐ Not at all
- Ⓑ A little
- Ⓒ Somewhat
- Ⓓ Very much
23. Do you know the name of the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group you belong to or are enrolled in?
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- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No
- Ⓒ I'm not sure.
24. If you know the name of the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group that you belong to or are enrolled in, or if you think you know it, please print it on the line below. Do not worry about spelling. If you belong to more than one American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, write the names of as many as you know.
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25. What else would you like to say about yourself, your school, or about American Indian or Alaska Native people? Use these lines to write your ideas.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT.**

