



School Background Questionnaire

2015

Grade 8



1. What is your professional position (title) at this school?

2. Counting this year, how many years has the current principal or head of school held his/her position at this school? If less than 1 year total, enter "01."

Years

3. Which of the following describes your school best? Please select **one** circle only.

- Ⓐ Regular public school
- Ⓑ Charter public school
- Ⓒ Bureau of Indian Education contracted or grant school
- Ⓓ Bureau of Indian Education operated school
- Ⓔ Other nonpublic school

4. Is your school a boarding school?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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5. Is your school located on a reservation/on tribal land?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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6. Is your school an American Indian or Alaska Native language immersion school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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7. How many American Indian and/or Alaska Native students are enrolled at your school? (Include both enrolled tribal members and descendants in your calculations.)

, Students

8. For this school year, has funding from any of the following sources been used to provide educational services and support for American Indian or Alaska Native students? Some of the sources are designated specifically for American Indian or Alaska Native education, while others are intended for broader use. Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	I don't know.	
a. Title I funds (Compensatory Education)	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190549
b. Title II funds (Professional Improvement)	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190550
c. Title III or other bilingual or ESL/ELL funds	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190551
d. Title VII, Indian Education Formula Grant	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190552
e. Title VII, Discretionary Grant under Indian Education	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190553
f. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190555
g. Impact Aid Program	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190556
h. Johnson-O'Malley Grant	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190557
i. Alaska Native Education Programs	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190589
j. Tribal or Village funds	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190592
k. Other funding sources related to American Indian or Alaska Native education (e.g., grants, donations, tuition, etc.)	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC190594

9. Are families of your students involved with your school in the following ways? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Academic club (for example, math club)	☐ A	☐ B	VH158590
b. Arts club	☐ A	☐ B	VH158591
c. Cultural dances or activities (for example, drum groups)	☐ A	☐ B	VH158592
d. Drama club	☐ A	☐ B	VH158593
e. Making school curriculum decisions	☐ A	☐ B	VH158594
f. Open houses or back-to-school nights	☐ A	☐ B	VH158600
g. Parent-teacher conferences	☐ A	☐ B	VH158596
h. Parent-teacher organizations	☐ A	☐ B	VH158597
i. School sports	☐ A	☐ B	VH158598
j. Volunteer programs	☐ A	☐ B	VH158599
k. Other (please specify): _____	☐ A	☐ B	VH158595

10. In a typical school year, how many times has a member of the American Indian or Alaska Native community done the following? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	1-2 times	3 or more times	I don't know.	
a. Visited the school to discuss education issues with students and staff, other than a conference regarding an individual student	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VC962943
b. Visited the school to share American Indian or Alaska Native traditions and culture with students and staff	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VC962944
c. Participated in Indian Education Parent Groups	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VC962946

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11. Are the following courses and programs about American Indian or Alaska Native traditions and culture offered at your school each year? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Year-long course	☐ A	☐ B	VH154927
b. Semester-long course	☐ A	☐ B	VH154928
c. Workshop or unit	☐ A	☐ B	VH154932
d. Clubs	☐ A	☐ B	VH154930
e. Other programs (for example, study groups before or after regular class periods)	☐ A	☐ B	VH154929

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12. Are the following courses or programs about American Indian or Alaska Native traditions and culture required or elective for students at your school? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Required	Elective	Not offered	
a. Year-long course	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC962964
b. Semester-long course	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC962966
c. Workshop or unit	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	VC962967

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13. Do students in your school receive instruction about American Indian or Alaska Native cultures in any of the following areas? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Oral language	☐ A	☐ B	VC963005
b. Written language	☐ A	☐ B	VC963007
c. History of tribes or cultural groups	☐ A	☐ B	VC963008
d. Traditions and customs	☐ A	☐ B	VC963009
e. Arts, crafts, music, or dance	☐ A	☐ B	VC963010
f. Tribal or village government	☐ A	☐ B	VC963013
g. Current events and issues important to tribes or cultural groups	☐ A	☐ B	VC963014

14. How much influence does each of the following standards have on your school's **reading/language arts** curriculum? Select **one** circle in each row.

	No influence	A little influence	Some influence	A lot of influence	Unaware of standards	
a. State content standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963019
b. District content standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963020
c. Standards developed by national professional organizations	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963021
d. American Indian or Alaska Native content or cultural standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963022

15. How much influence does each of the following standards have on your school's **mathematics** curriculum? Select **one** circle in each row.

	No influence	A little influence	Some influence	A lot of influence	Unaware of standards	
a. State content standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963025
b. District content standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963026
c. Standards developed by national professional organizations	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963027
d. American Indian or Alaska Native content or cultural standards	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E	VC963028

16. Considering all of the students in your school, to what extent is each of the following a problem?
Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Student absenteeism	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158607
b. Student tardiness	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158608
c. Student health problems	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158609
d. Teen pregnancies	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158617
e. Drug or alcohol use by students	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158610
f. Student misbehavior in class	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158611
g. Physical conflicts among students	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158612
h. Bullying	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158613
i. Low student aspirations	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158614
j. Low teacher expectations	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158615
k. Low family involvement	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158616
l. Inadequate transportation for students	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH158618

17. Which of the following types of student and family services are offered at your school on a regular basis? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Offered	Not offered	
a. Health services for students such as a school nurse	(A)	(B)	VC963042
b. Health services for families such as a community clinic	(A)	(B)	VC963043
c. Social or counseling services for students	(A)	(B)	VC963045
d. Social or counseling services for families	(A)	(B)	VC963047
e. Adult education programs for all ages	(A)	(B)	VC963048
f. Tutoring services for students	(A)	(B)	VH017944
g. Career counseling services for students	(A)	(B)	VH017945

18. In a typical school year, how often does your school provide each of the following opportunities for communication between school and families? Select **one** circle in each row.

	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Teacher/family conferences (individual or group)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963053
b. Information (for example, expectations, procedures, calendars) sent home about school	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963054
c. Written reports (for example, report cards) of child's performance sent home	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963055
d. Events at school in which families are invited to participate	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963056
e. Opportunities to participate in formulation of school policies and improvement plans	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963057
f. Opportunities to share American Indian or Alaska Native histories and traditions as part of the instructional program	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963058
g. Telephone calls with parents	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963059
h. Information provided through websites or e-mail	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VC963060

19. What percentage of your grade 8 students dropped out of school during the last school year?

- Ⓐ 0 – 2%
- Ⓑ 3 – 5%
- Ⓒ 6 – 10%
- Ⓓ 11 – 20%
- Ⓔ 21 – 30%
- Ⓕ 31 – 40%
- Ⓖ 41 – 50%
- Ⓗ More than 50%

20. Please indicate what percentage of the individuals at your school is described by each of the following statements: Select **one** circle in each row.

	0%	1–5%	6–10%	11–25%	26–50%	51–75%	76–100%	I don't know.	
a. Teachers at this school for 3 or more years	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	Ⓖ	Ⓗ	VC963065
b. American Indian or Alaska Native teachers at this school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	Ⓖ	Ⓗ	VC963073
c. American Indian or Alaska Native staff other than teachers	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	Ⓕ	Ⓖ	Ⓗ	VC963074

21. To what extent do your school's eighth-grade curricula emphasize preparing students for high school?
- Ⓐ Not at all
 - Ⓑ Small extent
 - Ⓒ Moderate extent
 - Ⓓ Large extent