



Student Background Questionnaire

2015

Grade 4



SECTION 1

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National Indian Education Study

Grade 4 Student Questionnaire

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.

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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.

☐ Ⓐ Nothing

☐ Ⓑ A little

☐ Ⓒ Some

☐ Ⓓ A lot

VH039733

2. Who taught you **most** of what you know about American Indian or Alaska Native history?

☐ Ⓐ No one has taught me about American Indian or Alaska Native history.

☐ Ⓑ Family members

☐ Ⓒ Friends

☐ Ⓓ Teachers

☐ Ⓔ Tribal representatives or elders

☐ Ⓕ Someone else (please specify): _____

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VH039760

3. Who taught you **most** of what you know about American Indian or Alaska Native traditions (ways of life, customs)?

- ☐ A No one has taught me about American Indian or Alaska Native traditions.
- ☐ B Family members
- ☐ C Friends
- ☐ D Teachers
- ☐ E Tribal representatives or elders
- ☐ F Someone else (please specify): _____

VH040030

4. Who taught you **most** of what you know about American Indian or Alaska Native arts and crafts?

- ☐ A No one has taught me about American Indian or Alaska Native arts and crafts.
- ☐ B Family members
- ☐ C Friends
- ☐ D Teachers
- ☐ E Tribal representatives or elders
- ☐ F Someone else (please specify): _____

VC759183

5. How often do you go to American Indian or Alaska Native ceremonies and gatherings?

- ☐ A Never
- ☐ B Every few years
- ☐ C At least once a year
- ☐ D Several times a year

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6. How often do members of your family talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language?

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

VC759195

7. How often do people in your school talk to each other in your American Indian or Alaska Native language?

☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever

☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month

☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week

☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

VH153907

8. How often do you attend classes **in school** that are taught in an American Indian or Alaska Native language?

☐ Ⓐ My school does not offer classes that are taught in an American Indian or Alaska Native language.

☐ Ⓑ Never or hardly ever

☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a month

☐ Ⓓ Once or twice a week

☐ Ⓔ Every day or almost every day

VH040050

9. How do you rate yourself in speaking an American Indian or Alaska Native language?

☐ Ⓐ I cannot speak an American Indian or Alaska Native language.

☐ Ⓑ I can speak a few words or phrases.

☐ Ⓒ I can speak well.

VH040067

10. How do you rate yourself in reading an American Indian or Alaska Native language?

☐ Ⓐ I cannot read in an American Indian or Alaska Native language.

☐ Ⓑ I can read a few words or phrases.

☐ Ⓒ I can read well.

VH040082

11. Who taught you **most** of what you know about an American Indian or Alaska Native language?

☐ Ⓐ No one has taught me about an American Indian or Alaska Native language.

☐ Ⓑ Family members

☐ Ⓒ Friends

☐ Ⓓ Teachers

☐ Ⓔ Tribal representatives or elders

☐ Ⓕ Someone else (please specify): _____

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12. 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?

☐ A Yes
☐ B No

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13. During 4th grade, have you used books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people **in school**?

☐ A Yes, once or twice
☐ B Yes, three or more times
☐ C No

VH153940

14. During 4th grade, have you used books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people **outside of school**?

☐ A Yes, once or twice
☐ B Yes, three or more times
☐ C No

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15. **In school**, do you have access to a **library, media center, or resource center** with books, videos, or other materials (including Internet resources) about American Indian or Alaska Native people?

☐ A Yes
☐ B No

VH040212

16. When my teacher talks about American Indian or Alaska Native history or culture, I try to read more about it.

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

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17. I enjoy reading about American Indian or Alaska Native people.

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

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

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

VH040240

19. I put a lot of effort into my schoolwork.

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

VH040276

20. I want to be one of the best students in my class.

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

VH040379

21. I enjoy being challenged in my classes.

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

VH040382

22. I feel that I belong at school.

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

VH040391

23. If I put in enough effort, I will succeed in school.

- Ⓐ Strongly disagree
- Ⓑ Disagree
- Ⓒ Agree
- Ⓓ Strongly agree

VH040394

24. Trying hard in school will help me live a good life when I grow up.

- Ⓐ Strongly disagree
- Ⓑ Disagree
- Ⓒ Agree
- Ⓓ Strongly agree

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25. 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.

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

VC759289

26. 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.

☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever

☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month

☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week

☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

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27. 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.

☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever

☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month

☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week

☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

VH040389

28. How often do **you** help other students from your school with their schoolwork? For example, you might help other students to study for a test, help them with a school project, or go over their homework with them.

☐ Ⓐ Never or hardly ever

☐ Ⓑ Once or twice a month

☐ Ⓒ Once or twice a week

☐ Ⓓ Every day or almost every day

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29. How much do you like school?

☐ Ⓐ Not at all

☐ Ⓑ A little

☐ Ⓒ Somewhat

☐ Ⓓ Very much

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30. Do you know the name of the American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group you belong to or are enrolled in?

☐ Ⓐ Yes

☐ Ⓑ No

☐ Ⓒ I'm not sure.

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31. 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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32. 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT.

