



NIES Student Questionnaire

**2019
Grade 8**



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1. How much do you know about each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Nothing	A little	Some	A lot	
a. Your American Indian or Alaska Native history	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241515
b. Your American Indian or Alaska Native traditions and culture (way of life, customs)	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241517
c. Issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241516

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

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

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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): _____

4. Who taught you **most** of what you know about issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people?
- Ⓐ No one has taught me about issues today that are important to American Indian or Alaska Native people.
 - Ⓑ Family members
 - Ⓒ Friends
 - Ⓓ Teachers
 - Ⓔ Tribal representatives or elders
 - Ⓕ Someone else (please specify): _____

5. 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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6. How often have you participated in each of the following? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	Every few years	At least once a year	Several times a year	
a. Ceremonies and gatherings for people from your American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241519
b. Ceremonies and gatherings that bring people together from many different American Indian tribes or Alaska Native groups	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241521
c. Other American Indian or Alaska Native activities	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241520

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7. 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

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8. How often do people in your school 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

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9. 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

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10. 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.

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11. 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.

12. During 8th grade, how often have any of your teachers talked to your class about the history, traditions, and cultures (ways of life, customs) of American Indian or Alaska Native people?

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

13. During 8th grade, have you attended any of the following activities **organized by your school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Presentations by American Indian or Alaska Native people about their traditions and cultures (ways of life, customs)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH241523
b. American Indian or Alaska Native art and craft demonstrations	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH241526
c. Traditional American Indian or Alaska Native music and/or dance performances	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH241525
d. Field trips to museums, traditional villages, or other places to learn about American Indian or Alaska Native people	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	VH241524

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14. During 8th grade, have you participated in any of the following activities **organized by your school**? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Sports team	☐ A	☐ B	VH241528
b. Music club, orchestra, or band	☐ A	☐ B	VH241532
c. Cultural dances or other American Indian or Alaska Native activities (for example, drum groups)	☐ A	☐ B	VH241531
d. Academic club (for example, math club)	☐ A	☐ B	VH241530

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15. During 8th 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

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16. During 8th 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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17. **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

18. Here are some sentences about reading. Select **one** answer choice on each row to show whether the sentence describes a person like you.

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	This is not like me.	This is a little like me.	This is a lot like me.	
a. When my teacher talks about American Indian or Alaska Native history or culture, I try to read more about it.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241536
b. I enjoy reading about American Indian or Alaska Native people.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241538
c. I enjoy reading about people who have different traditions and cultures (ways of life, customs) than I have.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241537

19. Here are some sentences about your school. Select **one** answer choice on each row to show whether the sentence describes a person like you.

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	This is not like me.	This is a little like me.	This is a lot like me.	
a. I put a lot of effort into my schoolwork.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241540
b. I want to be one of the best students in my class.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241543
c. I enjoy being challenged in my classes.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241542
d. I feel that I belong at school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241541

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20. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
a. If I put in enough effort, I will succeed in school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241545
b. If I put in enough effort in school, I will get into college.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241547
c. If I put in enough effort in school, I will get a good job.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241546

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21. How much do you like school?

- (A) Not at all
- (B) A little
- (C) Somewhat
- (D) Very much

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22. How much are the things you are learning in school preparing you for the life you want to lead?

- (A) Not at all
- (B) A little
- (C) A fair amount
- (D) Very much

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23. During 8th grade, how often have you talked with any of your teachers outside of regular class periods? For example, to get extra help with your assignments, to talk about issues that matter to you, or just to visit.

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

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24. 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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25. How often do any of the following people 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. Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. A parent or someone else from my family	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241549
b. A teacher or another adult from my school	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241550
c. Another student	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241553
d. A tribal representative or elder	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241551

26. During 8th grade, how many times have you talked to each of the following people about the classes you should take in high school or about what you want to do after high school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Never	One time	Two or three times	Four or more times	
a. A family member	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241555
b. A teacher	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241556
c. A school counselor	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241557
d. Another student	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241561
e. A tribal representative or elder	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241560
f. Someone else who lives in my community or is a friend of my family	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH241558

27. Do you plan to do any of the following in your first year after high school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Go to college full time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241563
b. Go to college part time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241564
c. Go to another school (for example, career training, technical, or trade/vocational) full time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241565
d. Go to another school (for example, career training, technical, or trade/vocational) part time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241566
e. Join the military	☐ A	☐ B	VH241572
f. Work full time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241568
g. Work part time	☐ A	☐ B	VH241569
h. Travel	☐ A	☐ B	VH241570
i. Care for family	☐ A	☐ B	VH241571

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28. To what extent is each of the following a problem in your school? Select **one** answer choice on each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Student tardiness	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241574
b. Student health problems	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241575
c. Student misbehavior in class	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241576
d. Physical conflicts among students	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241580
e. Bullying	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241578
f. Low student motivation	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	VH241579

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

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No
- ☐ C I'm not sure.

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30. 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 write it in the box 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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31. What else would you like to say about yourself, your school, or about American Indian or Alaska Native people? Use the box to write your ideas.
