

Grade 8 NECAP Science Student Questionnaire

1. How difficult was this science test?
 - a. It was harder than my regular science schoolwork.
 - b. It was about the same as my regular science schoolwork.
 - c. It was easier than my regular science schoolwork.
2. How hard did you try on this science test?
 - a. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular science schoolwork.
 - b. I tried about the same as I do on my regular science schoolwork.
 - c. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular science schoolwork.
3. How well did you understand the directions your teacher gave you when you were taking sessions 1 and 2 of this science test?
 - a. I understood the directions very well.
 - b. I needed some help understanding the directions.
 - c. I needed a lot of help understanding the directions.
4. Did you have enough time to answer the questions on sessions 1 and 2 of this science test?
 - a. I had enough time to answer the questions and check my work.
 - b. I had enough time to answer the questions, but I did not have time to check my work.
 - c. I felt rushed, but I was able to finish answering the questions.
 - d. I did not have enough time to finish answering the questions.
5. How much did you use a calculator on the test?
 - a. I used it on most of the questions.
 - b. I used it on some of the questions.
 - c. I didn't use it on very many questions.
 - d. I didn't use a calculator but wanted to.
 - e. I didn't need a calculator.
6. How often did you use the reference sheet?
 - a. I used it on all of the questions that suggested it and even for some questions that didn't.
 - b. I used it on most of the questions that suggested it.
 - c. I used it on some of the questions that suggested it.
 - d. I didn't use it on very many questions.
7. How well did you understand the directions your teacher gave you when you were taking the inquiry task?
 - a. I understood the directions very well.
 - b. I needed some help understanding the directions.
 - c. I needed a lot of help understanding the directions.
8. Did you have enough time to answer the questions on the inquiry task?
 - a. I had plenty of time to finish.
 - b. I had just the right amount of time to finish.
 - c. I felt rushed, but I was able to finish.
 - d. I did not have enough time to finish.

9. How often do you do science experiments or inquiry tasks in your class?
- a few times a week
 - a few times a month
 - a few times a year
 - never or almost never
10. How often do you work with other students on science experiments or inquiry tasks?
- always
 - sometimes
 - never
 - My teacher usually does the science experiment or inquiry task and we watch.
 - We do not do science experiments or inquiry tasks in my class.
11. What was your science grade on your most recent report card?
- A
 - B
 - C
 - lower than C
12. How often do you have science class this year?
- I have science every day.
 - I have science 3 or 4 days a week.
 - I have science 1 or 2 days a week.
 - I have science some weeks but not others.
 - I don't have science this year.
13. How often do you have science homework?
- every day
 - a few times a week
 - a few times a month
 - I usually don't have homework in science.
14. How would you best describe the content of your science class this year?
- Earth Space Science
 - Life Science
 - Physical Science
 - Environmental Science
 - General or Integrated Science
15. Do you use a science journal or science notebook to write about your thoughts and experiences in science class?
- yes
 - no