

Home Language Questionnaire

Student's name _____

School _____ Country of Birth _____

Date your student started attending school in the United States: Month _____ Year _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In order to assist school districts to provide an equal opportunity for a meaningful education to all students, Minnesota Statute 120.095 requires that schools count and report the primary languages of their students. "Primary Language" is defined as: the language the student learned when he or she first began to talk, the language that usually is spoken in the student's home or the language that the student usually speaks. Clearly, you are the person most qualified to provide this important information about your family's usual language. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions, even if English is the only language usually spoken by members of your family. Your answers will remain confidential.

Directions: For each of the following seven questions, please mark the box that shows which answer is the most appropriate one. If the language usually spoken is not already printed next to one of the answer boxes, please check the box labeled "Other" and write the name of the usual language in the space provided. For example, if the child whose name appears at the top of this form usually speaks Japanese at home, you would check the "Other" box for the answer to question 2 and would write "Japanese" in the space provided.

1. Which language did your child learn first?
 English
 Other _____
2. Which language is most often spoken in your home?
 English
 Other _____
3. Which language does your child usually speak?
 English
 Other _____
4. Will you need an interpreter for conferences?
Can you provide your own? (English-speaking family member or friend)
Do you need the school to provide one for you?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Signature: Please sign the completed Home Language Questionnaire and have your child return it to his or her teacher. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE FOR SCHOOL SECRETARIES: If a language other than English is marked in even one box, please put the code for that Home Primary Language on the Enrollment Form.