

# Home Language Questionnaire

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In order to assist school districts an equal opportunity for a meaningful education to all students, the State of Ohio 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 six questions, please check 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 into the space provided. For example, if your child whose name appears at the top of this form normally speaks Japanese at home, you would mark the "Other" box in answer to Question 2, and would write "Japanese" into the space provided.

1. What language did your child speak when he or she first began to talk?  
 English  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. What language does your child speak most often at home?  
 English  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What language does your child speak most often with his or her friends?  
 English  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What language do YOU use most often when speaking to your child?  
 English  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
5. What language do YOU use most often when speaking to YOUR friends?  
 English  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_
6. What language do other family members in your home usually use?  
 English  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Please sign the completed Home Language Questionnaire and return it with your other forms. Thank you.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_