

As part of RiverQuest's 2011-12 program scholarships sponsored by The Heinz Endowments, we are conducting a basic pre-test & post-test survey of all school groups attending the RiverQuest Environmental Science program.

Please have students complete the PRE-TEST prior to your program date. Bring the completed PRE-TEST forms with you to the boat, along with your permission forms and your Captain's Chest (if applicable).

At the boat, you will receive POST-TEST forms for students to complete back at school, and a mailing envelope for returning the forms to RiverQuest.

Please provide your students with instructions prior to administering the surveys.

- **For grades 2-5**, instruct students to circle the answer they agree with most: Yes, No, or Maybe. Assist students with the questions where necessary, but avoid prompting the students to choose a particular answer.
- **For grades 6-12**, instruct students to circle the number on the scale that best represents their answer, on a scale from (1) disagree, to (10) agree. In this case, a response of 5 or 6 equates to "I'm not sure." Assist students with the questions where necessary, but avoid prompting the students to choose a particular answer.

Some other details:

1. Surveys do **not** need to identify individual students (no names needed).
2. The surveys are designed to align with Assessment Anchors in environment and ecology, and are intended to verify the effectiveness of RiverQuest program. Alphanumeric reference codes for the Anchors are listed below.
3. Survey results will be reported in a **summary format** only. We're happy to share the summary with you at the end of the school year as well.
4. If RiverQuest must secure permission from your district administration to request the completion of the surveys, please let us know immediately.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this effort. We look forward to seeing you and your pupils on board this fall!

Other Questions? Call us at 412-231-2712.

ASSESSMENT ANCHORS

S4.A.3.1, S4.A.3.2

S4.B.1.1, S4.B.2.1, S4.B.3.1, S4.B.3.2, S4.B.3.3

S8.A.1.1, S8.A.3.1, S8.A.3.2, S8.A.3.3, S8.B.3.1, S8.B.3.2, S8.B.3.3

S11.A.1.2, S11.A.3.1, S11.A.3.2, S11.D.1.3