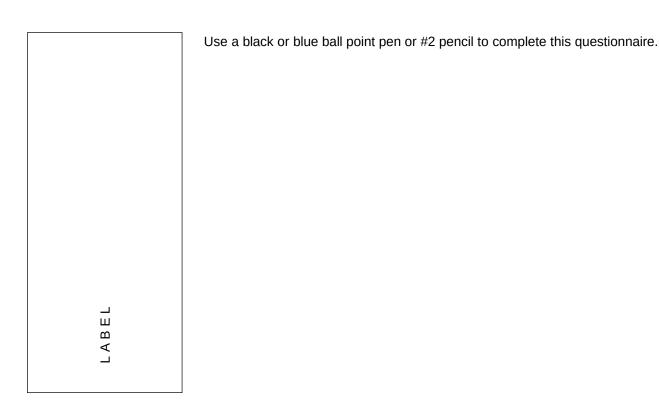


Spring 2011 Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire (Child Level)

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this survey, write directly to: National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, N.W., Room 9086, Washington, D.C. 20006-5650. telephone number, or identification number with your responses will be included in the statistical reports.

Dear Teacher,

This questionnaire is a vital part of a major longitudinal study of children's early educational experiences beginning with kindergarten and continuing through grade 5. You have received this questionnaire because one or more of the children in your class(es) are participants in this study. The child who is the subject of this questionnaire is identified on the cover.

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011) is collecting information from teachers of children who are in the study to investigate the relationship between children's academic progress and various school, classroom, teacher, and home characteristics. Taking part in the study is voluntary. You may stop at any time or choose not to answer a question you do not want to answer. Although we realize you are very busy, we urge you to complete this questionnaire as completely and accurately as possible. The information you provide is being collected for research purposes only and will be protected from disclosure to the fullest extent allowable by law. Information from multiple individuals will be combined to produce statistical reports; no information that identifies you will be included in any reports or provided to students, their parents, or other school staff.

DEFINITIONS

For this study, the following definitions apply:

- <u>English language learner (ELL)</u>: A student whose native language is one other than English and whose skills in listening, speaking, reading, or writing English are such that he or she has difficulty understanding school instruction in English.
- English as a Second Language (ESL): An instructional program designed to teach listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills to students with limited proficiency in English. The program may focus on a student's level of proficiency in general English. As a language instruction educational program, the ESL program should be connected to academic achievement with the goal of meeting the academic standards that all children must meet.
- <u>Bilingual education program</u>: A program in which native language is used to varying degrees, in conjunction with English, to teach English and academic content to students with limited proficiency in English.
- <u>Dual-language program</u>: Also known as two-way immersion, the goal of these programs is for students to develop language proficiency in two languages by receiving content instruction in English and another language in a classroom that usually consists of both native English speakers and native speakers of the other language.
- <u>Title I: "Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged"</u>: Title I is a program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.
- <u>Title III: "Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students":</u> Title III is a program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. One of the main purposes of this program is to help ensure that children who are limited English proficient, including immigrant children and youth, attain English proficiency, develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and meet the same state academic content and student academic achievement standards as all children are expected to meet.
- <u>Individualized Education Program (IEP)</u>: A written statement of the educational program designed to meet the individual needs of a school-aged child with a disability that is judged to affect the child's educational performance. Children who receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are expected to have an IEP or an IFSP.
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP): A written statement of the educational program and other services designed to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of an infant or

- toddler (preschool-aged) with a disability. The plan includes a description of the appropriate services needed to assist transition into elementary school.
- <u>Section 504 plan</u>: A written plan to provide appropriate services to a child with a disability, whether or not the disability is judged to affect the child's educational performance. Speech therapy services may often be specified as part of a Section 504 plan.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

MARKING DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND USE A BLACK OR BLUE BALL POINT PEN OR A SOFT LEAD (#2) PENCIL TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DO NOT USE A FELT-TIP PEN.

MARKING BOXES

It is important that you mark an "X" in the box next to your answers and print clearly.

Shown below is the correct way to mark your answers, along with examples of incorrect ways.

Correct Mark:



Incorrect Marks:

Light and thin, outside the box, thick or scrawled.



Completely black out the box of the incorrect answer and mark an "X" in the box next to the correct answer.



PRINTING ANSWERS IN BOXES:

Print entire answer in box. Answers should be printed clearly and should not touch or cross any of the box lines. Do not cross zeroes or sevens. That is, do not write a zero with a line through it like this $-\theta$, and do not write a seven with a line through it like this $-\frac{7}{4}$.

Write digits like this:

123456789

Write words like this:

John Smith

Academic Rating Scale

The Academic Rating Scale is separated into three areas: (1) Language and Literacy, (2) Science, and (3) Mathematical Thinking. Please rate the child's skills, knowledge, and behaviors within each of these three areas based on your experience with the child identified on the cover of this questionnaire. This is NOT a test and should not be administered directly to the child. Each question includes examples that are meant to help you think of the range of situations in which the child may demonstrate the identified skills and behaviors. The examples do not exhaust all the ways that a child may demonstrate what he/she knows or can do. The examples do, however, indicate a level of proficiency a child should have reached in order to receive the highest ratings. Some of these examples describe a very high level of performance (beyond typical students) in order to evaluate achievement levels of the highest performing students.

The following **five-point scale** is used for each of the questions. It reflects the degree to which a child has acquired and demonstrated the targeted skills, knowledge, and behaviors.

Not yet = Child has not yet demonstrated skill, knowledge, or behavior.

Beginning = Child is just beginning to demonstrate skill, knowledge, or

behavior but does so very inconsistently.

In progress = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior with some

regularity but varies in level of competence.

Intermediate = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior with

increasing regularity and average competence but is not

completely proficient.

Proficient = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior <u>competently</u>

and consistently.

Not Applicable or = Skill, knowledge, or behavior has <u>not been introduced</u> in

Skill Not Yet Taught classroom setting.

Rate only the child's **current** skills, knowledge, and behaviors. Rate each child compared to other children of the same age level. Please consider the full range of ratings when answering. If the skill, knowledge, or behavior has been introduced in the classroom, please rate the child by placing an "X" in the appropriate box for your rating. Place an "X" in the box for "Not Applicable or Skill Not Yet Taught" only if the skill, knowledge, or behavior has not been introduced in your classroom setting.

Child with Limited English Proficiency/English language learner: Please answer the questions based on your knowledge of this child's skills. If the child does not yet demonstrate skills in English but does demonstrate them in his/her native language, please answer the questions with the child's native language in mind.

Child with Special Needs: It may be necessary to consider adaptations for some questions to make them more inclusive for this child's skills and/or use of adaptive equipment. Some children may utilize alternative forms of verbal communication (e.g., sign language, communication boards) or written communication (e.g., word processors, Braille, dictation). Please answer the questions with these adaptations in mind.

SECTION I: LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

		MARK ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.					
тн	IS CHILD	Not Yet	Beginning	In Progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not Applicable or Skill Not Yet Taught
1.	Uses complex sentence structures – for example, says "If she had brought her umbrella, she wouldn't have gotten wet," or "Yesterday it was raining cats and dogs," or "Why can't we go on the field trip at the same time as the first grade?"						
2.	Understands and interprets a story or other text read to him/her – for example, by retelling a story just read to the group, or telling about why a story ended as it did, or connecting part of the story to his/her own life.						
3.	Easily and quickly names all upper- and lower-case letters of the alphabet.						
4. I	Predicts what will happen next in stories by using the pictures and storyline for clues.						
5.	Reads simple books independently – for example, reads books with a repetitive language pattern.						
6.	Uses different strategies to read unfamiliar words – for example, examines cues from pictures or context, or uses consonant sounds to read words, or uses prior knowledge in order to make predictions.						
7.	Demonstrates early writing behaviors – for example, by using initial consonants to spell words ("d" for the word "dog"), or using letter names to represent sounds ("r" for the word "are"), or phonetic spelling ("hrt") for the word "heart", to convey words or ideas.						
8.	Composes simple stories, for example, by writing about a personal experience in a journal.						

using both upper and lower case letters when writing, or putting spaces between words, or using a period at the end of a sentence.
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SECTION II: MATHEMATICAL THINKING

		MARK ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.					
тн	IS CHILD	Not Yet	Beginning	In Progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not Applicable or Skill Not Yet Taught
10.	Sorts, classifies, and compares math materials by various rules and attributes – for example, by creating a rule for sorting keys, such as "keys with numbers" in one pile and "keys without numbers" in another pile, or by sorting shapes by several attributes such as "large plastic shapes" and "small wooden shapes."						
11.	Orders a group of objects – for example, by ordering rods or sticks by length, or arranging paints from lightest to darkest or musical instruments from softest to loudest.						
12.	Shows an understanding of the relationship between quantities – for example, knows that a group of ten small stones is the same quantity as a group of ten larger blocks.						
13.	Solves problems involving numbers using concrete objects – for example, "Vera has six blocks, George has three, how many blocks are there in all?" or "How many do I need to give George so he will have the same number of blocks as Vera?"						
14.	Demonstrates an understanding of graphing activities – for example, by looking at a picture graph on favorite ice-cream flavors and knowing which flavor is the most popular and which one is the least popular.						
15.	Uses instruments accurately for measuring – for example, by using a balance scale to compare the weight of two objects, or using tablespoons and teaspoons during a cooking project, or using a measuring tape to measure the length of different objects.						
16.	Uses a variety of strategies to solve math problems – for example, by using manipulative materials, looking for a pattern, or acting out a problem.						

	MARK ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.					EM.
THIS CHILD	Not Yet	Beginning	In Progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not Applicable or Skill Not Yet Taught
17. Models, reads, writes, and compares fractions – for example, shows that ½ of the candy bar is ¼ + ¼, or shows that ¼ of a set of 12 is 3.						

Social Skills

18-43. Twenty-six items ask teachers to rate children in their classroom on social skills (including their ability to exercise self-control, interact with others, resolve conflict, and participate in group activities); problem behaviors (e.g., fighting, bullying, arguing, anger, depression, low self-esteem, impulsiveness, etc.); and learning dispositions or "approaches to learning" (e.g., curiosity, self-direction, and inventiveness). The social skills items and the problem behavior items are not listed as they are copyright protected. The learning disposition items are not copyright protected and are listed below.

Source: Elementary Scale A ("How Often?"), Frank M. Gresham and Stephen N. Elliott ©1990, American Guidance Service, Inc.

Approaches to Learning Scale items

The teacher indicated how frequently the child exhibited the following behaviors. The response scale included four points ranging from "never" to "very often," and there was also a "no opportunity to observe" option.

- · Keeps belongings organized
- Shows eagerness to learn new things
- Works independently
- Easily adapts to changes in routine
- Follows classroom rules
- Persists in completing tasks
- Pays attention well
- 44-55. Twelve items from the Child's Behavior Questionnaire (short form) ask teachers to assess the attentional focusing and inhibitory control of the children in their classroom. The items are not listed as they are copyright protected.
 - Source: Putnam, S. P., & Rothbart, M. K. (2006). Development of Short and Very Short forms of the Children's Behavior Questionnaire. *Journal of Personality Assessment, 87 (1),* 103-113.
- 56-70. Fifteen items from the Student-Teacher Relationship Scale that ask teachers to describe their relationship with sampled children in their classroom. The items are not listed as they are copyright protected.

Source: Pianta, R.C. & Steinberg, M. (Eds.) (1992). Teacher-child relationships and the process of adjusting to school. San Francisco, CA, US: Jossey-Bass.

Student Information

1.	In which grade is this child enrolled?						
		Kindergarten (Full-day program)					
		Kindergarten (Part-day program)					
		First grade					
		This is an ungraded classroom					
2.	How	long has this child been in your classroom this school year?					
		Entire school year					
		More than one semester but less than the entire school year					
		More than one quarter but less than one semester					
		Less than one quarter of the school year					
3.	Plea	se indicate the total number of absences for this child for the current school year.					
		No absences					
		1 to 4 absences					
		5 to 7 absences					
		8 to 10 absences					
		11 to 19 absences					
		20 or more absences					
4.	Has	this child ever fallen 2 or more weeks behind in school work this year?					
		Yes (GO TO Q 5)					
		No (SKIP TO Q 6)					
		Not applicable (child has been enrolled in your class less than 2 weeks) (SKIP TO Q 6)					

5.	Wh	y has this child fallen behind in school work? MARK A	ALL THAT AP	PLY.	
		A health problem			
		A disciplinary problem			
		Lack of effort			
		Disorganized			
		Lacks pre-requisite skills			
		Frequent absences			
		Emotional/family problems			
		Some other reason (PLEASE SPECIFY)			
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6.	the	es this child receive (or has he/she received during this following types of programs in your school? RK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.	s school year) instructio	n in any of
				<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
	a.	Individual tutoring remedial program in reading/language a	rts		
	b.	Individual tutoring remedial program in mathematics			
	С	Pull-out (i.e., out of classroom) small group remedial progreading/language arts			
	d.	Pull-out (i.e., out of classroom) small group remedial programathematics			
	e.	Gifted and talented program in reading/language arts			
	f.	Gifted and talented program in mathematics			
7.	rela	es this child receive (or has he/she received during ated services in your school at any of the following time RK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.			
			Voo	No	Not offered
	a.	Instruction or services before school	<u>Yes</u>	No	
	b.	Instruction or services after school			
	C.	Instruction or services on weekends			
8.	ls I	English this child's native language?			
J.		Yes (SKIP TO O 13)			

	No (GO TO Q 9)
	Don't know (GO TO Q 9)
	s this child participate in an instructional program designed to teach English language s to children with limited English proficiency?
	Yes (GO TO Q 10)
	No (SKIP TO Q 13)
Wou	ıld you say the instruction this child receives is primarily(MARK ONLY ONE)
	English as a Second Language (ESL)?
	Bilingual education?
	Dual-language education?
	Some other type of instruction? (PLEASE SPECIFY)
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inst	often AND how much time does this child usually receive specialized language ruction (ESL, bilingual education, dual-language program), whether as part of a whole s, in a small group, or in an individualized arrangement?
11a.	
	Never
	Less than 1 day a week
	1 day a week
	2 days a week
	3 days a week
	4 days a week
	5 days a week

	11b.	How	much time per day (on the days instruction is received)?	•	
			Less than ½ hour a day		
			½ hour to less than 1 hour a day		
			1 to less than 1½ hours a day		
			1½ to less than 2 hours a day		
			2 to less than 2½ hours a day		
			2½ to less than 3 hours a day		
			3 hours or more a day		
12.		ng this ve langu	school year, how often is this child's <u>academic instru</u> lage?	ıction provided i	n his/her
		None o	of the time		
		Less th	han half of the time		
		Half of	the time		
		More t	han half of the time		
		Almost	t all the time		
13.	Doe	s this ch	nild have an IEP/IFSP on record with the school?		
		Yes			
		No			
14.			nild receive instruction in any of the following types of pr OR NO ON EACH ROW.	ograms in your s	chool?
				<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
			anguage therapy for children with speech or language s/impairments		
			education services, not including speech therapy, whether in the classroom or in a pull-out setting		

15.		s this child receive special siciency) to participate in the							
		Yes							
		No							
		Don't know							
		Child does not participate in	the school's	testing or ass	sessment pro	gram			
		There is no testing or asses		-	·				
16.		ng <i>structured</i> play time, ho s of physical activity? MAR			are with oth	ner children	in the class in		
		A lot less active than most							
		A little less active than most							
		About the same as most							
		A little more active than mos	st						
		A lot more active than most							
		A lot less active than most A little less active than most About the same as most A little more active than most A lot more active than most	st						
18.	a. l	rall, how would you rate pared to other children of the children and literacy skills							
	c. S	Science							
	d. S	Social studies							

19.	How often does this child work to the best of her/his ability?
	Never
	Seldom
	Usually
	Always
20.	How many achievement groups in $\underline{\text{reading}}$ do you currently have in this child's class? MARK ONLY ONE.
	I do not use achievement groups for reading (SKIP TO Q 22)
	Two
	Three
	Four
	Five or more
	Achievement Group
22.	How many achievement groups in <u>mathematics</u> do you currently have in this child's class? MARK ONLY ONE.
	I do not use achievement groups for mathematics (SKIP TO Q 24)
	Two
	Three
	Four
	Five or more
23.	In which mathematics group is this child currently placed? USE "1" FOR THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT GROUP. WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE ACHIEVEMENT GROUP NUMBER BELOW.
	Achievement Group

	act	ivities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.							
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Not applicable Not offere				
	a.	Attended regularly-scheduled conferences at your school							
	b.	Attended parent/teacher informal meetings that you initiated to talk about the child's progress							
	C.	Returned your telephone calls or e-mails							
	d.	Initiated contact with you							
	e.	Volunteered to help in your classroom or school							
25.	Ho ON	w involved at the school would you say this child's par E.	rents/guar	dians ar	e? MARK	ONLY			
		Not involved at all							
		Somewhat involved							
		Very involved							
		Don't know							
26.	During this school year, besides regular teacher conferences, have you communicated with this child's parents/guardians?								
	Yes (GO TO Q 27)								
		No (SKIP TO END)							
27.		s the purpose of the communication with this child's RK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.	s parents/	guardiaı	ns to discu	ıss			
				<u>Y</u>	<u>es</u>	<u>No</u>			
	a.	Behavior problems the child is having in school?							
	b.	Any problems the child is having with school work?							
	C.	Anything the child is doing particularly well in or better in at s	chool?						

During this school year, have this child's parents/guardians participated in the following

24.

DATE	QUES	TIONNA	AIRE C	OMPL	ETED:
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		2011
MONTH	DAY	YEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION