## Appendix D:

## Teacher Background Questionnaire



# GRADE 4 <br> Teacher Questionnaire <br> PILOT TEST 

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Use a black or blue ball point pen to complete this questionnaire.
RETURN THIS COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE SEALED
TYVEK® ENVELOPE DIRECTLY TO YOUR SCHOOL COORDINATOR
OR AN ECLS-K:2011 STAFF MEMBER. DO NOT MAIL THIS
QUESTIONNAIRE UNLESS YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO BY STUDY
STAFF AND ARE PROVIDED WITH AN ENVELOPE FOR MAILING.


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The collection of information in this survey is authorized by 20 U.S. Code, Section 9543. Participation is voluntary. You may skip questions you do not wish to answer; however, we hope that you will answer as many questions as you can. Your responses are protected from disclosure by federal statute (20 U.S. Code, Section 9573). All responses that relate to or describe identifiable characteristics of individuals may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law. Data will be combined to produce statistical reports. No individual data that links your name, address, telephone number, or identification number with your responses will be included in the statistical reports.

## Dear Teacher,

This questionnaire is an important 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 you teach fourth grade students.

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-2011 (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. However, only you can provide this information. 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 (Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. § 9573). 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.

Please record your answers directly on the questionnaire by marking the appropriate answer (as instructed on page 4) or by writing your responses in the space provided. Your best estimates are acceptable answers.

## DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this study, the following definitions apply:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP): 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 Act (IDEA) are expected to haven an IEP.
- English language learner (ELL): 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.


## MARKING DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND USE A BLACK OR BLUE BALL POINT PEN TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DO NOT USE PENCIL OR 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.


How to Change an Answer:
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

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 -7 .

Write one number per box like this:


Write words like this:

SECTION A. STUDENT, SCHOOL AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

A1. Which of the following subjects do you teach to fourth grade students during this school year? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

| a. Reading/Language Arts | Yes | $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| b. Mathematics | $\square$ |  |
| c. Science | $\square$ |  |

A2. How often does the typical child in this grade usually work on lessons or projects in the following general subject areas, whether as a whole class, in small groups, or in individualized arrangements? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Less than <br> once a <br> week | $\mathbf{1}$ day a <br> week | 2 days <br> a week | 3 days <br> a week | 4 days <br> a week |
| a.5 days <br> a week |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Reading and language arts | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

A3. On the days children work in these areas, how much time does the typical child in this grade usually work on lessons or projects in the following general subject areas? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

|  |  | Not applicable/ never | Less than $1 / 2$ hour a day | $1 / 2$ hour <br> to less <br> than 1 <br> hour | 1 to less than 1 $1 / 2$ hours | $11 / 2$ to less than 2 hours | 2 to less than 2 $1 / 2$ hours | $21 / 2$ to less than 3 hours | 3 hours or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reading and language arts |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| b. | Mathematics | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | Social Studies | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| d. | Science | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| e. | Music | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| f. | Art |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| g. | Physical education | n $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
|  | Dance/creative movement |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ |  |  |
|  | Theater/creative dramatics | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| j. | Foreign language (excluding English for ELL students) |  | $\square$ |  | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |

A4. How many days a week do children have recess? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

[^0]A5. On days when children have recess, between the school day starting time and the dismissal time, how many times a day do children have recess? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
$\square$ One
$\square$ Two
$\square$ Three
$\square$ Four
$\square$ Five
$\square$ Other/Varies by day

A6. How important is each of the following in evaluating the children in your class(es) for reporting to parents? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

|  | Not <br> important | Somewhat <br> important | Very <br> important |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a. Individual child's achievement |  |  |  |
| relative to the rest of the class |  |  |  |
| b. Individual child's achievement |  |  |  |
| relative to local, state, or |  |  |  |
| professional standards |  |  |  |

A7. What percentage of children in your class(es) have parents who participate in the following activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.


A8. Did you participate in any professional development* within the last $\mathbf{1 2}$ months? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

* Professional development may include continuing formal education; courses, conferences, workshops, or in-service training; staff meetings that include staff development activities; and receiving coaching or mentoring.

A9. How often did you participate in professional development activities covering the following topics in the last 12 months? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.
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a. How to use assessment data to identify
students who are struggling or at risk of
failure in READING

A10. Have you received support from any of the following staff members during the current academic year? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW. IF THE RESOURCE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO YOU, MARK THE LAST COLUMN.

| Yes, <br> support <br> received | No, support <br> not received <br> but <br> available | Resource <br> not <br> available |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

b. A school or district staff member whose role is to provide ongoing training and support to classroom
 teachers in the delivery of effective MATH instruction
c. A school or district staff member whose role is to provide ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective SCIENCE
 instruction
d. A school or district staff member who provides ongoing training and support to classroom teachers
 in the delivery of effective behavioral supports
e. A school or district staff member to support teachers in collecting, organizing, and managing assessment data
f. A school or district staff member to support teachers in the interpretation and use of assessment data to guide instruction

## SECTION B. VIEWS ON SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

B1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your school. MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.
a. The level of child misbehavior (for

B2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.


## SECTION C. TEACHER BACKGROUND

C1. What is your gender? MARK ONE RESPONSE.


Male
$\square$ Female

C2. In what year were you born? WRITE IN YEAR BELOW.


C3. Are you Hispanic or Latino? MARK ONE RESPONSE.


No

C4. Which best describes your race? MARK ONE OR MORE RESPONSES TO INDICATE WHAT YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE.
$\square$ American Indian or Alaska Native
$\square$ Asian
$\square$ Black or African AmericanNative Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
$\square$ White

C5. Counting this school year, how many years have you taught each of the following grades and programs, including years in which you taught part time?

WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR TEACHING, WRITE "1." WRITE "0" IF YOU HAVE NEVER TAUGHT THE GRADE OR PROGRAM LISTED.

Total years grade or program taught
a. Preschool or kindergarten

b. First grade

c. Second grade

d. Third grade

e. Fourth grade

f. Fifth grade

g. Sixth grade or higher

h. English as a Second Language (ESL), bilingual education, and/or dual language program

i. Special education program

j. Program for gifted children


C6. Counting this school year, how many total years have you been a schoolteacher, including years in which you taught part time? WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."


C7. Is this school year the first year you have taught in this school? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
$\square$No

C8. What is the highest level of education you have completed? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
$\square$ Did not complete high school (SKIP TO Q C11)
$\square$ High school diploma or equivalent/GED (SKIP TO Q C11)Some college or technical or vocational school (SKIP TO Q C11)
Associate's degreeBachelor's degreeMaster's degreeAn advanced professional degree beyond a master's degree (for example, Ph.D., MD)

C9. If you have an associate's or bachelor's degree, indicate your undergraduate major field of study. MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.

| a. Early childhood education |
| :--- |
| b. Elementary education |
| c. English |
| d. Reading and/or language arts |
| e. Curriculum and instruction |
| f. Mathematics education |
| g. Mathematics |
| h. Science education |
| i. Life science |
| j. Physical science |
| k. Earth science |
| I. Special education |
| m. Other education-related major (such as secondary |
| m. Non-education major (such as history, etc.) |

C10. If you have a graduate degree, indicate the major field of study of your highest level graduate degree. MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.

| a. Early childhood education | $\square$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| b. Elementary education | $\square$ |
| c. English | $\square$ |
| d. Reading and/or language arts | $\square$ |
| e. Curriculum and instruction | $\square$ |
| f. Mathematics education | $\square$ |
| g. Mathematics | $\square$ |
| h. Science education | $\square$ |
| i. Life science | $\square$ |
| j. Physical science | $\square$ |
| k. Earth science | $\square$ |
| I. Special education | $\square$ |
| m. Other education-related major (such as secondary |  |
| education, educational psychology, administration, |  |
| music education, etc.) | $\square$ |
| n. Non-education major (such as history, etc.) | $\square$ |

C11. Have you ever taken a college course that addressed issues related to the following? MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.
a. Using published research evidence to identify and select effective
interventions and supports for students

C12. Which of the following describes the teaching certificate you currently hold in THIS state? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
$\square$ Regular or standard state certificate or advanced professional certificate
$\square$ Certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period
$\square$ Certificate that requires some additional coursework, student teaching, or passage of a test before regular certification can be obtained
$\square$ Certificate issued to persons who must complete a certification program in order to continue teaching
$\square$ I do not hold any of the above certifications in THIS state.

C13. Date Questionnaire Completed:


THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

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| :---: |
| C-No DR $\square$ |
| C - DR Comp |
| C - DR Ref |
| $\square$ |


[^0]:    $\square$ Zero (no recess on any day) (SKIP TO Q A6)
    $\square$ One
    $\square$ Two
    $\square$ ThreeFourFive
    $\square$ Other/Varies by week

