## **Appendix D:**

## **Teacher Background Questionnaire**





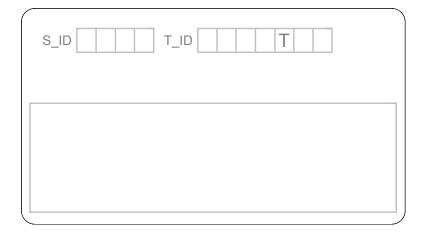
# GRADE 4 Teacher Questionnaire PILOT TEST

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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. <u>DO NOT MAIL</u> THIS QUESTIONNAIRE UNLESS YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO BY STUDY STAFF AND ARE PROVIDED WITH AN ENVELOPE FOR MAILING.



According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is XXXXXXXXXXX Approval expires XX/XX/XXXX. The time required to complete both the classroom and subject questionnaires is estimated to average XX minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information requested. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving the survey instrument, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual response to this survey, write directly to: National Center for Education Statistics, 1990 K Street, N.W., Room 9086, Washington, D.C. 20006-5574.

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:

- <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 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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



#### **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 –  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Write one number per box like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Write words like this:

John Smith



#### SECTION A. STUDENT, SCHOOL AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

	ich of the following subjects RK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH F	-	each to fo	urth grade	e students	during th	is school y	/ear?
2	Pooding/Language Arts					Yes	No	
a.	Reading/Language Arts							
b.	Mathematics							
C.	Science							
d.	Social Studies							
How <u>often</u> 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								
			once a	1 day a	2 days	3 days a week	4 days a week	5 days
		Never	week	week	a week	a week	a week	a week
a.	Reading and language arts	Never	week	week	a week			а week
a. b.	Reading and language arts  Mathematics	Never	week	week				
	3 3	Never						
b.	Mathematics	Never						
b.	Mathematics Social Studies	Never						
b. c. d.	Mathematics Social Studies Science	Never						
b. c. d.	Mathematics Social Studies Science Music	Never						
b. c. d. e. f.	Mathematics Social Studies Science Music Art	Never						
<ul><li>b.</li><li>c.</li><li>d.</li><li>e.</li><li>f.</li></ul>	Mathematics Social Studies Science Music Art Physical education	Never						



**A4**.

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 ½ hour a day	½ hour to less than 1 hour	1 to less than 1 ½ hours	1 ½ to less than 2 hours	2 to less than 2 ½ hours	2 ½ to less than 3 hours	3 hours
a.	Reading and language arts								
b.	Mathematics								
c.	Social Studies								
d.	Science								
e.	Music								
f.	Art								
g.	Physical educatio	n 🔲							
h.	Dance/creative movement								
i.	Theater/creative dramatics								
j.	Foreign language (excluding English for ELL students)	n 🔲							
How many days a week do children have recess? MARK ONE RESPONSE.									
	Zero (no recess or	any day) (S	БКІР ТО С	( A6)					
	One								
	Two								
	Three								
	Four								
	Five								
	Other/Varies by week								



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.							
		One	recess. Thurk	OTTE REST OTTS	<i>,</i>				
	$\equiv$	Two							
	_	Three							
	=	Four							
	=	Five							
	=								
		Other/Varies by day							
A6.	Hov	w important is each of the following	in evaluating t	the children in	your class(e	s) for reporting			
	to p	parents? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EA	ACH ROW.						
			Not important	Somewhat important	Very importan	Extremely t 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							
	C.	Individual improvement or progress over past performance							
	d.	Effort							
	e.	Class participation							
	f.	Daily attendance							
	g.	Classroom behavior or conduct							
	h.	Cooperativeness with other children							
	i.	Ability to follow directions							
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A7.		at percentage of children in your cla vities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EAC		rents who par	ticipate in th	•			
			0%	1-25%	26-50% 5	76% or 51-75% more			
	a.	Attend teacher-parent conferences	П	П		ПП			
	b.	Volunteer regularly to help in your classroom or another part of the							
		school Attend open houses or parties							
	c. d.								
	u.	demonstrations							



	<b>Did you participate in any professional development* within the last 12 months?</b> <i>MARK ONE RESPONSE.</i>							
	Yes							
	No (SKIP TO Q A10)							
	Professional development may include cont workshops, or in-service training; staff meeti receiving coaching or mentoring.	_						
	w often did you participate in professiona	-		ities cover	ing the fo	llowing to		
ın t	the last 12 months? MARK ONE RESPONSE	ON EACH R	YOW.					
		Never	Once	2 times	3 to 4 times	More than 4 times		
a.	How to use assessment data to identify students who are struggling or at risk of failure in READING							
b.	How to use assessment data to identify students who are struggling or at risk of failure in MATH							
C.	How to use assessment data to identify students who are struggling or at risk of failure in SCIENCE							
d.	How to use and apply assessment data to guide READING instruction							
e.	How to use and apply assessment data to guide MATH instruction							
f.	How to use and apply assessment data to guide SCIENCE instruction							
g.	How to implement the READING curriculum							
h.	How to implement the MATH curriculum							
i.	How to implement the SCIENCE curriculum							



**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, support received	No, support not received but available	Resource not available
<ul> <li>A school or district staff member whose role is to provide ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective READING instruction</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>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</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>d. A school or district staff member who provides ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective behavioral supports</li> </ul>			
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			



B2.

#### 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.

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	The level of child misbehavior (for example, noise, horseplay, or fighting in the halls or cafeteria) in this school interferes with my teaching.					
b.	Many of the children I teach are not capable of learning the material I am supposed to teach them.					
c.	Parents are supportive of school staff.					
d.	There is a great deal of cooperative effort among the staff members.					
e.	There is a consensus among administrators and teachers on goals and expectations.					
f.	The academic standards at this school are too low.					
g.	The school administrator sets priorities, makes plans, and sees that they are carried out.					
h.	The school administration's behavior toward the staff is supportive and encouraging.					
	hat extent do you agree or disagree w	ith each of	the follow	ing statemen	ts? MARK	ONE
RESP	ONSE ON EACH ROW.	Strongly		Neither agree nor		Strongly
		disagree	Disagree	_	Agree	agree
a.	The attitudes and habits students bring to my class(es) greatly reduce their chances for academic success.	' _				
b.	My success or failure in teaching is due primarily to factors beyond my control rather than to my own effort or ability.					
C.	The amount a student can learn is primarily related to family background.					
d.	I really enjoy my present teaching job.					
e.	If I could start over, I would choose teaching again as my career.					



#### **SECTION C. TEACHER BACKGROUND**

<b>C1</b> .	What is your gender? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Male Male
	Female
C2.	In what year were you born? WRITE IN YEAR BELOW.
	1 9 YEAR
C3.	Are you Hispanic or Latino? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes
	□ No
C4.	Which best describes your race? MARK ONE OR MORE RESPONSES TO INDICATE WHAT YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE.
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian
	Black or African American
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	White



**C**6.

**C7**.

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				
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."  Year(s)					
Is th	is school year the first year you have taught in this school? $MA$	RK ONE RESPONSE.			
=	Yes No				
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<b>C</b> 8.	What is the highest level of education you have completed? MA	ARK ONE RESPONSE.	
	Did not complete high school (SKIP TO Q C11)		
	High school diploma or equivalent/GED (SKIP TO Q C11)		
	Some college or technical or vocational school (SKIP TO Q C1	1)	
	Associate's degree		
	Bachelor's degree		
	Master's degree		
	An advanced professional degree beyond a master's degree (fo	r example, Ph.D., MD)	
C9.	If you have an associate's or bachelor's degree, indicate your us MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.	ndergraduate major : Yes	field of study. No
	a. Early childhood education	<u>res</u>	
	b. Elementary education		
	c. English	Ш	
	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 education, educational psychology, administration, music education, etc.)		
	n. Non-education major (such as history, etc.)		



C11.

## 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.

		Yes	<u>No</u>				
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						
l.	Special education						
m.	Other education-related major (such as secondary education, educational psychology, administration, music education, etc.)						
n.	Non-education major (such as history, etc.)						
Have you ever taken a college course that addressed issues related to the following? MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.							
		Yes	<u>No</u>				
a.	Using published research evidence to identify and select effective interventions and supports for students						
b.	Using formal assessment data to inform the choice of READING interventions and supports for students						
c.	Using formal assessment data to inform the choice of MATH interventions and supports for students						
d.	Using data to inform the choice of behavioral interventions and supports for students						



CIZ.	ONE RESPONSE.					
	Regular or standard state certificate or advanced professional certificate					
	Certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period					
	Certificate that requires some additional coursework, student teaching, or passage of a test before regular certification can be obtained					
	Certificate issued to persons who must complete a certification program in order to continue teaching					
	I do not hold any of the above certifications in THIS state.					
C13.	Date Questionnaire Completed:					
	MONTH DAY YEAR					

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!





For Office Use Only				
C - No DR	C - DR Comp			
C - DR Ref	Ref			

