

APPENDIX C

PIRLS Background Questionnaires

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PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL READING LITERACY STUDY

School Questionnaire

Grade 4

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Thank you.

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School Enrollment and Characteristics

1

What is the total enrollment of students in your school as of March 1, 2016?

_____ students
Write in the number.

2

What is the total enrollment of fourth grade students in your school as of March 1, 2016?

_____ students
Write in the number.

3

Approximately what percentage of students in your school have the following backgrounds?

Check **one** circle for each line.

	0 to 10%	11 to 25%	26 to 50%	More than 50%
a) Come from economically disadvantaged homes -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Come from economically affluent homes -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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A. Approximately what percentage of students in your school have English as their native language?

Check **one** circle only.

- More than 90% ---
- 76 to 90% ---
- 51 to 75% ---
- 26 to 50% ---
- 25% or less ---

B. Of the students currently enrolled in your school, what percentage have been identified as limited-English proficient (LEP)/English Language Learners (ELL)?

Check **one** circle only.

- 0% ---
- 1 to 5% ---
- 6 to 10% ---
- 11 to 25% ---
- 26 to 50% ---
- 51 to 75% ---
- 76 to 90% ---
- Over 90% ---

5

A. How many people live in the city, town, or area where your school is located?

Check **one** circle only.

- More than 500,000 people ---
- 100,001 to 500,000 people ---
- 50,001 to 100,000 people ---
- 30,001 to 50,000 people ---
- 15,001 to 30,000 people ---
- 3,001 to 15,000 people ---
- 3,000 people or fewer ---

B. Which best describes the immediate area in which your school is located?

Check **one** circle only.

- Urban—Densely populated ---
- Suburban—On fringe or outskirts of urban area ---
- Medium size city or large town ---
- Small town or village ---
- Remote rural ---

C. Which best characterizes the average income level of the population in the school's immediate area?

Check **one** circle only.

- High ---
- Medium ---
- Low ---

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What type of school is this?

Check **one** circle only.

- Regular public school --
- A regular public school with a magnet program --
- A magnet school or school with a special program emphasis (e.g., Montessori, science/math school, performing arts school, talented/gifted school, foreign language immersion school, etc.) --
- Special education: a school that primarily serves students with disabilities --
- Alternative: a school designed to address the needs of students, typically at risk of educational failure, which cannot be met in regular schools --
- Vocational --
- Charter School --
- Private (independent) --
- Private (religiously affiliated) --
- Other --

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Does your school provide free meals for students?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Yes, for all students
Yes, for some students
No
- a) Breakfast ----- -- --
 - b) Lunch ----- -- --

8

Around the first of October 2015, what percentage of students at this school were eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches through the National School Lunch Program?

_____ percentage of students
Write in the number.

9

For the fourth grade students in your school:

A. How many days per year is your school open for instruction?

_____ days
Write in the number.

B. What is the total instructional time, excluding breaks, in a typical day?

_____ minutes
*Write in the number of minutes per day.
Please convert the number of hours into minutes.*

C. In one calendar week, how many days is the school open for instruction?

*Check **one** circle only.*

- 6 days ---
- 5 1/2 days ---
- 5 days ---
- 4 1/2 days ---
- 4 days ---
- Other ---

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A. Does your school provide a place where students can work on their schoolwork before or after school?

*Check **one** circle only.*

Yes ---

No ---

(If No, go to #11)

If Yes,

B. Is someone available to assist them with their schoolwork?

*Check **one** circle only.*

Yes ---

No ---

11

Does your school have a school library?

Check **one** circle only.

Yes ---

No --- 

(If No, go to #12)

12

Does the school provide access to digital books?

Check **one** circle only.

Yes ---

No ---

13

How many computers (including tablets) does your school have for use by fourth grade students?

_____ computers

Write in the number.

If Yes,

A. Approximately how many books (print) with different titles does your school library have (excluding magazines and periodicals)?

Check **one** circle only.

250 or fewer ---

251–500 ---

501–2,000 ---

2,001–5,000 ---

5,001–10,000 ---

More than 10,000 ---

B. Approximately how many titles of magazines and other periodicals (print) does your school library have?

Check **one** circle only.

0 ---

1–5 ---

6–10 ---

11–30 ---

31 or more ---

C. Can students borrow print materials from the library to take home?

Check **one** circle only.

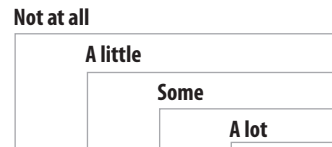
Yes ---

No ---

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How much is your school's capacity to provide instruction affected by a shortage or inadequacy of the following?

Check **one** circle for each line.



A. General School Resources

- a) Instructional materials (e.g., textbooks) ----- — — —
- b) Supplies (e.g., papers, pencils, materials) ----- — — —
- c) School buildings and grounds ----- — — —
- d) Heating/cooling and lighting systems ----- — — —
- e) Instructional space (e.g., classrooms) ----- — — —
- f) Technologically competent staff ----- — — —
- g) Audio-visual resources for delivery of instruction (e.g., interactive white boards, digital projectors) ----- — — —
- h) Computer technology for teaching and learning (e.g., computers or tablets for student use) ----- — — —
- i) Resources for students with disabilities ----- — — —

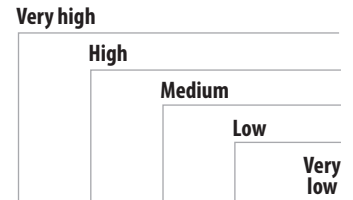
B. Resources for Reading Instruction

- a) Teachers with a specialization in reading ----- — — —
- b) Computer software/applications for reading instruction ----- — — —
- c) Library resources (books, ebooks, magazines, etc.) ----- — — —
- d) Instructional materials for reading (e.g., reading series, textbooks) ----- — — —

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How would you characterize each of the following within your school?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Teachers' understanding of the school's curricular goals --- — — — —
- b) Teachers' degree of success in implementing the school's curriculum ----- — — — —
- c) Teachers' expectations for student achievement ----- — — — —
- d) Teachers' ability to inspire students ----- — — — —
- e) Collaboration between school leadership (including master teachers) and teachers to plan instruction --- — — — —
- f) Parental involvement in school activities ----- — — — —
- g) Parental commitment to ensure that students are ready to learn ----- — — — —
- h) Parental expectations for student achievement ----- — — — —
- i) Parental support for student achievement ----- — — — —
- j) Students' desire to do well in school ----- — — — —
- k) Students' ability to reach school's academic goals ----- — — — —
- l) Students' respect for classmates who excel academically ----- — — — —

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To what degree is each of the following a problem among fourth grade students in your school?

Check **one** circle for each line.

	Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Serious problem
a) Arriving late at school -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Absenteeism (i.e., unjustified absences) -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Classroom disturbance -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Cheating -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Profanity -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Vandalism -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Theft -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Intimidation or verbal abuse among students (including texting, emailing, etc.) -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) Physical fights among students -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j) Intimidation or verbal abuse of teachers or staff (including texting, emailing, etc.) -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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To what degree is each of the following a problem among teachers in your school?

Check **one** circle for each line.

	Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Serious problem
a) Arriving late or leaving early -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Absenteeism -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Failure to complete the curriculum -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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About how many of the students in your school can do the following when they begin the first grade of primary/elementary school?

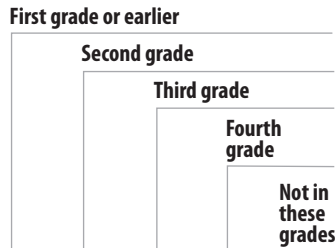
Check **one** circle for each line.

	Less than 25%	25–50%	51–75%	More than 75%
a) Recognize most of the letters of the alphabet -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Read some words -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Read sentences -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Read a story -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Write letters of the alphabet --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Write some words -----	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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At which grade do the following reading skills and strategies first receive a major emphasis in instruction in your school?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Knowing letters of the alphabet ----- — — — —
- b) Knowing letter-sound relationships ----- — — — —
- c) Reading words ----- — — — —
- d) Reading isolated sentences --- — — — —
- e) Reading connected text ----- — — — —
- f) Locating information within the text ----- — — — —
- g) Identifying the main idea of a text ----- — — — —
- h) Explaining or supporting understanding of a text ----- — — — —
- i) Comparing a text with personal experience ----- — — — —
- j) Comparing different texts ----- — — — —
- k) Making predictions about what will happen next in a text ----- — — — —
- l) Making generalizations and drawing inferences based on a text ----- — — — —
- m) Describing the style or structure of a text ----- — — — —
- n) Determining the author's perspective or intention ----- — — — —

20

By the end of this school year, how many years will you have been a principal altogether?

_____ years
Please **round** to the nearest whole number.

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By the end of this school year, how many years will you have been a principal at this school?

_____ years
Please **round** to the nearest whole number.

22

What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

Check **one** circle only.

- Did not complete a 4-year college or university degree (i.e., Bachelor's degree) ---
- Completed a 4-year college or university degree (i.e., Bachelor's degree) ---
- Completed a Master's degree, postgraduate certificate program (e.g., teaching), or professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, dentistry) ---
- Completed a doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) ---

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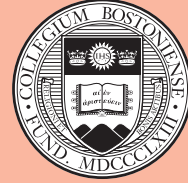
Do you hold any of the following professional qualifications in educational leadership?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- a) Certificate or license ----- —
 - Yes
 - No
- b) A Master's degree, postgraduate certificate program (e.g., teaching), or professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, dentistry) ----- —
- c) A doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) ----- —

Thank You

Thank you for the thought, time, and effort you have put into completing this questionnaire.



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About You

1

By the end of this school year, how many years will you have been teaching altogether?

_____ years
Please **round** to the nearest whole number.

2

Are you female or male?

Check **one** circle only.

Female ---

Male ---

3

How old are you?

Check **one** circle only.

Under 25 ---

25–29 ---

30–39 ---

40–49 ---

50–59 ---

60 or more ---

4

What is the **highest** level of formal education you have completed?

Check **one** circle only.

Did not complete high school ---

Completed high school ---

Completed a 2-year college or university degree (i.e., Associate's degree) ---

Completed a 4-year college or university degree (i.e., Bachelor's degree) ---

Completed a Master's degree, postgraduate certificate program (e.g., teaching), or professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, dentistry) ---

Completed a doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) ---

5

A. During your college or university education, what was your **major or main** area(s) of study?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Yes No
- a) Education—Primary/Elementary ----- —
- b) Education—Secondary ----- —
- c) English ----- —
- d) Other ----- —

B. As part of your formal education and/or training, to what extent did you study the following areas?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Not at all Overview or introduction to topic It was an area of emphasis
- a) English ----- — —
- b) Literature ----- — —
- c) Pedagogy/teaching reading -- — —
- d) Educational psychology ----- — —
- e) Remedial reading ----- — —
- f) Reading theory ----- — —
- g) Special education ----- — —
- h) Second language learning ---- — —
- i) Assessment methods in reading ----- — —
- j) Early childhood education ----- — —

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In the past two years, how many hours in total have you spent in formal professional development (e.g., workshops, seminars, lesson studies, etc.) that dealt directly with reading or teaching reading (e.g., reading theory, instructional methods)?

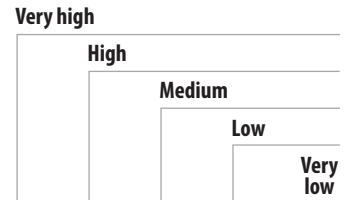
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- None ---
- Less than 6 hours ---
- 6–15 hours ---
- 16–35 hours ---
- More than 35 hours ---

7

How would you characterize each of the following within your school?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Teachers' understanding of the school's curricular goals --- --- --- --- ---
- b) Teachers' degree of success in implementing the school's curriculum ----- --- --- --- ---
- c) Teachers' expectations for student achievement ----- --- --- --- ---
- d) Teachers' ability to inspire students ----- --- --- --- ---
- e) Collaboration between school leadership (including master teachers) and teachers to plan instruction ----- --- --- --- ---
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- i) Parental support for student achievement ----- --- --- --- ---
- j) Students' desire to do well in school ----- --- --- --- ---
- k) Students' ability to reach school's academic goals ----- --- --- --- ---
- l) Students' respect for classmates who excel academically ----- --- --- --- ---

School Environment

8

Thinking about your current school, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Agree a lot** **Agree a little**
 Disagree a little
 Disagree a lot
- a) This school is located in a safe neighborhood ----- - - -
- b) I feel safe at this school ----- - - -
- c) This school's security policies and practices are sufficient ---- - - -
- d) The students behave in an orderly manner ----- - - -
- e) The students are respectful of the teachers ----- - - -
- f) The students respect school property ----- - - -
- g) This school has clear rules about student conduct ----- - - -
- h) This school's rules are enforced in a fair and consistent manner ----- - - -

About Being a Teacher

9

How often do you have the following types of interactions with other teachers?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Very often**
 Often
 Sometimes
 Never or almost never
- a) Share what I have learned about my teaching experiences ----- - - -
- b) Observe another classroom to learn more about teaching - - - -
- c) Work together to improve how to teach a particular topic ----- - - -
- d) Work with teachers from other schools on the curriculum ----- - - -
- e) Work with teachers from other grades to ensure continuity in learning ----- - - -

10

How often do you feel the following way about being a teacher?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Very often**
 Often
 Sometimes
 Never or almost never
- a) I am content with my profession as a teacher ----- - - -
- b) I find my work full of meaning and purpose ----- - - -
- c) I am enthusiastic about my job ----- - - -
- d) My work inspires me ----- - - -
- e) I am proud of the work I do --- - - -

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In a typical week, how much time do you spend on English language instruction and/or activities with the students?

Include instruction or activities in reading, writing, speaking, literature, and other language skills.

_____ minutes per week

Write in the number of minutes per week.

Please convert the number of hours into minutes.

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Regardless of whether or not you have formally scheduled time for reading instruction, in a typical week about how much time do you spend on reading instruction and/or activities with the students?

Include things you do across curriculum areas and during formally scheduled time for reading instruction.

_____ minutes per week

Write in the number of minutes per week.

Please convert the number of hours into minutes.

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When you have reading instruction and/or do reading activities, how often do you organize students in the following ways?

*Check **one** circle for each line.*

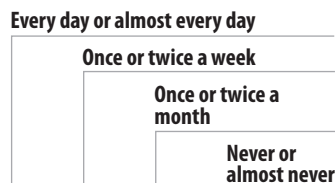


- a) I teach reading as a whole-class activity ----- — — —
- b) I create same-ability groups -- — — —
- c) I create mixed-ability groups -- — — —
- d) I use individualized instruction for reading ----- — — —
- e) Students work independently on an assigned plan or goal --- — — —

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When you have reading instruction and/or do reading activities with the students, how often do you have the students read the following types of text (in print or digitally)?

Check **one** circle for each line.



A. Literary Reading Materials

- a) Short stories (e.g., fables, fairy tales, action stories, science fiction, detective stories) ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- b) Longer fiction books with chapters ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- c) Plays ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

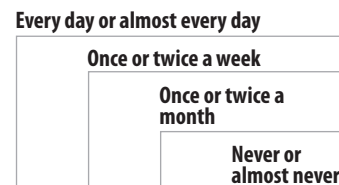
B. Informational Reading Materials

- a) Nonfiction subject area books or textbooks ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- b) Longer nonfiction books with chapters ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- c) Nonfiction articles that describe and explain about things, people, events, or how things work (e.g., newspaper articles, brochures) ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

20

When you have reading instruction and/or do reading activities with the students, how often do you do the following?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Read aloud to students ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- b) Ask students to read aloud --- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- c) Ask students to read silently on their own ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- d) Teach students strategies for decoding sounds and words -- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- e) Teach students new vocabulary systematically ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- f) Teach students how to summarize the main ideas ---- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○
- g) Teach or model skimming or scanning strategies ----- ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

21

How often do you do the following in teaching reading to this class?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Every or almost every lesson
About half the lessons
Some lessons
Never
- a) Provide reading materials that match the students' interests ----- — — —
- b) Provide materials that are appropriate for the reading levels of individual students --- — — —
- c) Link new content to students' prior knowledge ----- — — —
- d) Encourage students to develop their understandings of the text ----- — — —
- e) Encourage student discussions of texts ----- — — —
- f) Encourage students to challenge the opinion expressed in the text ----- — — —
- g) Use multiple perspectives (among students and texts) to enrich understanding ----- — — —
- h) Give students time to read books of their own choosing -- — — —
- i) Give individualized feedback to each student ----- — — —

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How often do you ask the students to do the following things to help develop reading comprehension skills or strategies?

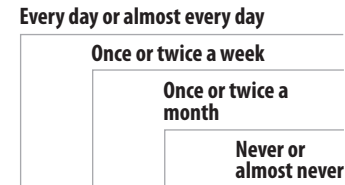
Check **one** circle for each line.

- Every day or almost every day
Once or twice a week
Once or twice a month
Never or almost never
- a) Locate information within the text ----- — — —
- b) Identify the main ideas of what they have read ----- — — —
- c) Explain or support their understanding of what they have read ----- — — —
- d) Compare what they have read with experiences they have had ----- — — —
- e) Compare what they have read with other things they have read ----- — — —
- f) Make predictions about what will happen next in the text they are reading ----- — — —
- g) Make generalizations and draw inferences based on what they have read ----- — — —
- h) Describe the style or structure of the text they have read ----- — — —
- i) Determine the author's perspective or intention ----- — — —

23

After students have read something, how often do you ask them to do the following?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Write something about or in response to what they have read -----
- b) Answer oral questions about or orally summarize what they have read -----
- c) Talk with each other about what they have read -----
- d) Take a written quiz or test about what they have read -----

24

A. Do the students in this class have computers (including tablets) available to use for their reading lessons?

Check **one** circle only.

- Yes ---
 - No ---
- (If No, go to #25)

If Yes,

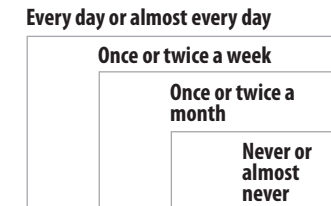
B. What access do the students have to computers?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Each student has a computer ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) The class has computers that students can share ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) The school has computers that the class can use sometimes ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

C. How often do you do the following computer activities during reading lessons?

Check **one** circle for each line.



- a) Ask students to read digital texts -----
- b) Teach students strategies for reading digital texts -----
- c) Teach students to be critical when reading on the Internet -----
- d) Ask students to look up information (e.g., facts, definitions, etc.) -----
- e) Ask students to research a particular topic or problem -----
- f) Ask students to write stories or other texts -----

25

A. Do you have a library or reading corner in your classroom?

Check **one** circle only.

Yes ---

No ---

(If No, go to #26)

If Yes,

B. About how many books are in your classroom library?

Check **one** circle only.

0–25 ---

26–50 ---

51–100 ---

More than 100 ---

C. About how many magazines with different titles are in your classroom library?

Check **one** circle only.

0 ---

1–2 ---

3–5 ---

More than 5 ---

D. How often do you give the students in your class time to use the classroom library or reading corner?

Check **one** circle only.

Every day or almost every day ---

Once or twice a week ---

Once or twice a month ---

Never or almost never ---

E. Can the students borrow books from the classroom library or reading corner to take home?

Check **one** circle only.

Yes ---

No ---

26

How often do you take or send the students to a library other than your classroom library?

Check **one** circle only.

At least once or twice a week ---

Once or twice a month ---

A few times a year ---

Never or almost never ---

27

How often do you assign reading as part of homework (for any subject)?

Check **one** circle only.

- I do not assign reading for homework --- (Go to #30)
- Less than once a week ---
- 1 or 2 times a week ---
- 3 or 4 times a week ---
- Every day ---

28

In general, how much time do you expect students to spend on homework involving reading (for any subject) each time you assign it?

Check **one** circle only.

- 15 minutes or less ---
- 16–30 minutes ---
- 31–60 minutes ---
- More than 60 minutes ---

29

How often do you do the following with the reading homework assignments for this class?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Always or almost always
 - Sometimes
 - Never or almost never
- a) Correct assignments and give feedback to students ----- — —
- b) Discuss the homework in class ----- — —
- c) Monitor whether or not the homework was completed ---- — —

30

Are the following resources available to you to work with students who have difficulty with reading?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Always
 - Sometimes
 - Never
- a) A specialized professional (e.g., reading specialist, speech therapist) ----- — —
- b) A teacher-aide ----- — —
- c) An adult/parent volunteer ---- — —

31

What do you usually do if a student begins to fall behind in reading?

Check **one** circle for each line.

- Yes
 - No
- a) I have the student work with a specialized professional (e.g., reading specialist, speech therapist) ----- —
- b) I wait to see if performance improves with maturation ----- —
- c) I spend more time working on reading individually with that student ----- —
- d) I ask the parents to help the student with reading ----- —
- e) I recommend that the student be enrolled in a special reading program ----- —

32

How much emphasis do you place on the following sources to monitor students' progress in reading?

Check **one** circle for each line.

Major emphasis
Some emphasis
Little or no emphasis

- a) Assessment of students' ongoing work ----- — —
- b) Classroom tests (for example, teacher-made or textbook tests) ----- — —
- c) State or district achievement tests ----- — —

Thank You

Thank you for the thought, time, and effort you have put into completing this questionnaire.



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Directions

In this booklet, you will find questions about you and what you think. For each question, you should choose the answer you think is best.

Let us take a few minutes to practice the kinds of questions you will answer in this booklet.

Example 1 is one kind of question you will find in this booklet.

Example 1

Do you go to school?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes --

No --

Example 2 is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

Example 2

How often do you do these things?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I talk with my friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I play sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I ride a skateboard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Example 3 is another kind of question you will find in this booklet.

Example 3

What do you think? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) Watching movies is fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I like eating ice cream	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I do not like waking up early	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I enjoy doing chores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- Read each question carefully, and pick the answer you think is best.
- Fill in the circle next to or under your answer.
- If you decide to change your answer, draw an **X** through your first answer, like this: . Then, fill in the circle next to or under your new answer.
- Ask for help if you do not understand something or are not sure how to answer.

About you

1

A. Are you a girl or a boy?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Girl --

Boy --

B. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

Yes, I am Hispanic or Latino --

No, I am not Hispanic or Latino --

C. Which of the following best describes you?

*Fill **one** or more circles.*

White --

Black or African American --

Asian --

American Indian or Alaska Native --

Native Hawaiian or other
Pacific Islander --

2

When were you born?

Fill the circles next to the month and year you were born.

a) Month

- January --
- February --
- March --
- April --
- May --
- June --
- July --
- August --
- September --
- October --
- November --
- December --

b) Year

- 2003 --
- 2004 --
- 2005 --
- 2006 --
- 2007 --
- 2008 --
- 2009 --
- Other --

3

A. How often do you speak English at home?

Fill one circle only.

I always speak English at home -- If ***always***, please go to question 4 →

I almost always speak English at home --

I sometimes speak English and sometimes speak another language at home --

I never speak English at home --

If ***almost always, sometimes, or never***, please go to question 3B ↴

B. What language do you speak at home (other than English)?

Fill one circle only.

Spanish --

Other -- Please Specify _____

4

A. Was your mother (or stepmother or female legal guardian) born in the United States?

("United States" includes the 50 states, its territories, the District of Columbia, and U.S. military bases abroad.)

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

I don't know --

B. Was your father (or stepfather or male legal guardian) born in the United States?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

I don't know --

C. Were you born in the United States?

Fill one circle only.

Yes --

No --

I don't know --

5

About how many books are there in your home? (Do not count magazines, newspapers, or your school books.)

*Fill **one** circle only.*

None or very few (0–10 books) --

This shows 10 books



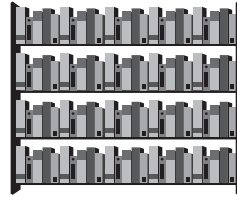
Enough to fill one shelf (11–25 books) --

This shows 25 books



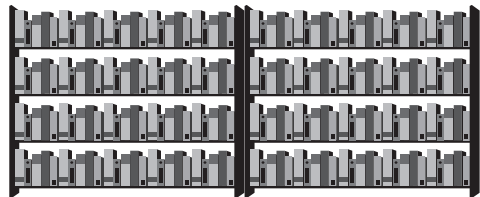
Enough to fill one bookcase
(26–100 books) --

This shows 100 books



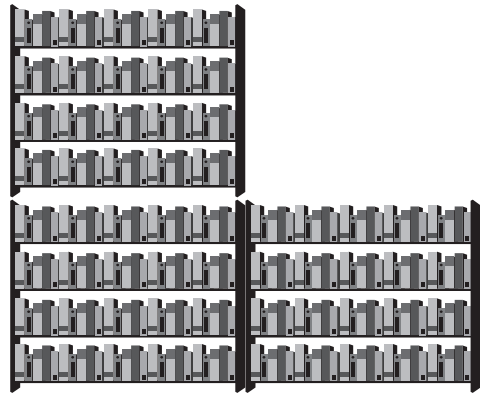
Enough to fill two bookcases
(101–200 books) --

This shows 200 books



Enough to fill three or more bookcases
(more than 200) --

This shows more than 200 books



6

Do you have any of these things at your home?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) A computer or tablet | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Study desk/table for your use | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Your own room | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Internet connection | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| e) Your own cell phone | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| f) A gaming system
(e.g., PlayStation®, Wii®, XBox®) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| g) VCR, DVD, or Blu-ray player | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

7

About how often are you absent from school?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

- Once a week --
- Once every two weeks --
- Once a month --
- Never or almost never --

8

How often do you feel this way when you arrive at school?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

- | | Every day | Almost every day | Sometimes | Never |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) I feel tired | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) I feel hungry | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

9

How often do you eat breakfast on school days?

Fill one circle only.

Every day --

Most days --

Sometimes --

Never or almost never --

10

How often do you use a computer or tablet in each of these places for schoolwork (including classroom tasks, homework, or studying outside of class)?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) At home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) At school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Some other place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11

How much time do you spend using a computer or tablet to do these activities for your schoolwork on a normal school day?

Fill *one* circle for each line.

	No time	30 minutes or less	More than 30 minutes
a) Finding and reading information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Preparing reports and presentations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12

How much time do you spend each day using a computer or tablet for any of the following activities?

Fill *one* circle for each line.

	No time	Less than 30 minutes	30 minutes up to 1 hour	From 1 hour up to 2 hours	2 hours or more
a) Playing games	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Watching videos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Chatting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Surfing the Internet -	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13

What do you think about your school? Tell how much you agree with these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like being in school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I feel safe when I am at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I feel like I belong at this school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Teachers at my school are fair to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I am proud to go to this school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14

During this year, how often have other students from your school done any of the following things to you (including through texting or the Internet)?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	At least once a week	Once or twice a month	A few times a year	Never
a) Made fun of me or called me names	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Left me out of their games or activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Spread lies about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Stole something from me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Hit or hurt me (e.g., shoving, hitting, kicking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Made me do things I didn't want to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) Shared embarrassing information about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) Threatened me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Lessons about reading

15

Think about the reading you do for school. How much do you agree with these statements about your reading lessons?

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like what I read about in school ---	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) My teacher gives me interesting things to read	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I know what my teacher expects me to do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) My teacher is easy to understand --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I am interested in what my teacher says	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) My teacher encourages me to say what I think about what I have read	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) My teacher lets me show what I have learned.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) My teacher does a variety of things to help us learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i) My teacher tells me how to do better when I make a mistake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reading in school

16

In school, how often do these things happen?

*Fill **one** circle for each line.*

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I read silently on my own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I read things that I choose myself --	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) My teacher asks us in class to talk about what we have read	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Using the library

17

How often do you borrow books (including ebooks) from your school or local library?

*Fill **one** circle only.*

At least once a week --

Once or twice a month --

A few times a year --

Never or almost never --

Reading outside of school

18

How much time do you spend reading outside of school on a normal school day?

Fill one circle only.

Less than 30 minutes --

30 minutes up to 1 hour --

From 1 hour up to 2 hours --

2 hours or more --

19

How often do you do these things outside of school?

Fill one circle for each line.

	Every day or almost every day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Never or almost never
a) I read for fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I read to find out about things I want to learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What you think about reading

20

What do you think about reading? Tell how much you agree with each of these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I like talking about what I read with other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I would be happy if someone gave me a book as a present	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I think reading is boring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) I would like to have more time for reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) I enjoy reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I learn a lot from reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g) I like to read things that make me think	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h) I like it when a book helps me imagine other worlds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21

How well do you read? Tell how much you agree with each of these statements.

Fill **one** circle for each line.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I usually do well in reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Reading is easy for me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) I have trouble reading stories with difficult words	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Reading is harder for me than for many of my classmates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Reading is harder for me than any other subject	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) I am just not good at reading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Activities outside of school

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The following questions ask about activities you do outside of school.

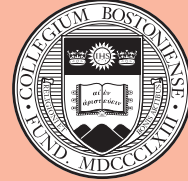
Fill **one** circle for each line.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Do you play on a sports team outside of school? ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b) Do you often play a musical instrument outside of school? ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c) Are you studying something in a class outside of school? ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d) Do you belong to a club outside of school (like Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, or Boys and Girls Club)? ----- | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |



Thank You!

Thank you for filling out the questionnaire!



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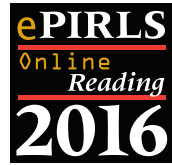
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1. About how much time do you spend using a computer each day?

Less than 30 minutes

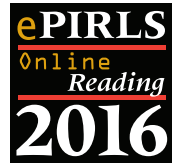
30 minutes up to 1 hour

From 1 hour up to 2 hours

2 hours or more

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2. About how much time do you spend each day finding and reading information on the internet?

Less than 30 minutes

30 minutes up to 1 hour

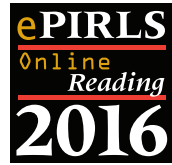
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3. How much do you agree with these statements?

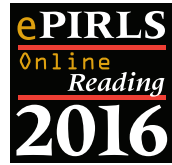
Click on one button for each row.

	Agree a lot	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree a lot
a) I am good at using a computer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) I am good at typing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) It is easy for me to find information on the Internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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4. Who mainly taught you the following things?

Click on one button for each row.

	I mainly taught myself	My teachers	My family	My friends	I have never learned this
a) Using a computer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Typing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Finding information on the Internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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