# Appendix D: SRCL Elementary Teacher Survey

#### Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation: Elementary Teacher Survey

#### Dear Teacher,

Thank you for your participation in the Comprehensive Literacy Program Evaluation.

- **Purpose of Study:** To better understand how states, districts, and schools are using the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) grants to improve literacy instruction and student outcomes.
- **Sponsor:** The study is being conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR), the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), and Abt Associates under a contract from the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Participation:** Participation of SRCL districts and their schools in this study is voluntary, and you may choose not to respond to certain questions or discontinue the interview at any time.
- **Reporting and Confidentiality:** Responses to this survey will be used to summarize findings in an aggregate manner (across districts or schools) or will be used to provide examples of program implementation in a manner that does not associate responses with a specific school or individual. The study team will make sure that access to all data with identifiable information is limited to members of the study team. Your responses are protected from disclosure by federal statute (P.L. 107-279, Title I, Part E, Sec.183). 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 purposes, unless otherwise compelled by law.
- **Response Burden:** This survey should require approximately 20 minutes of your time.
- **Benefits:** Your participation will help inform policymakers, educators, and researchers at the local, state, and national levels about SRCL implementation at the local level.
- **More Information:** For questions or more information about this study, you may contact the NORC study team at XXXX@norc.org or call the study toll-free number at 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

#### Thank you for your cooperation in this very important effort!

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Institute of Education Sciences U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20024

Would you like to participate in this survey? Please select Yes or No and click Next.

- O Yes, I agree to participate.
- O No, I do not wish to participate in the survey.

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#### Background

Please be sure to answer questions only for the school where you received the survey. We will refer to the school where you received this survey as "this school."

# 1. How do you classify your main teaching assignment at this school during the current school year (2018–19)?

O Regular classroom teacher in a full-time teaching capacity

O Teacher working at this school with release time for other duties (e.g., administrative, coaching, etc.)

O Other (please specify):

#### 2. How many years of experience do you have at THIS school?

*Enter the number of years in whole numbers only. Count the current school year (2018–19) as one full year.* [This will serve as a skip item for questions that cannot be answered by first year teachers]

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Teaching at <u>this</u> school

#### 3. Counting this school year, how many years of teaching experience do you have teaching the same grade(s) you currently teach?

Write the number of years in whole numbers only. Count the current school year (2018–19) as one full year.

		Number of ye	ears
a.	Years teaching the same grades at any school		years

#### 4. How many additional years have you taught in other grades?

Write the number of years in whole numbers only.

		Number of ye	ears
a.	Years teaching other grades at any school		years

5. In the current school year (2018–19), in what grades are the students that you teach in this school? *Check all that apply.* 

- Prekindergarten
   Grade 4
- □ Kindergarten
   □ Grade 5
   □ Grade 1
   □ Grade 6
- □ Grade 1 □ Grade 0 □ Grade 7
- □ Grade 2 □ Grade 7 □ Grade 3 □ Grade 8

6. Are you teaching the same grade(s) that you taught last year? [not asked if answer "1" to Q2]

🗆 Yes 🗆 No

The rest of this survey will focus only on your activities related to reading and literacy instruction.

# 7. Which category best describes the context in which you provide literacy or reading instruction?

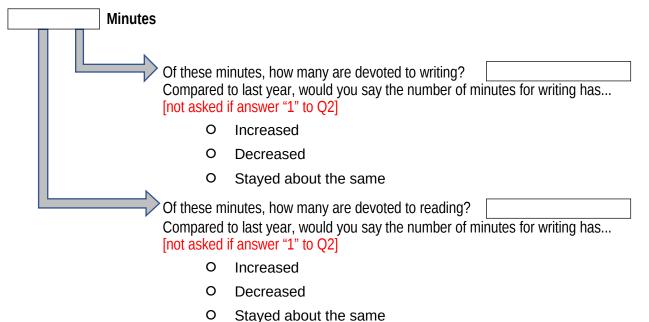
O I teach reading to the same group of students that I teach for most of the day in multiple subjects (sometimes called a *self-contained class*).

O I am one of two or more teachers who share joint responsibility for reading instruction for all our students (sometimes called *team teaching*).

O I teach reading to several classes of different students, potentially in addition to one or more subjects (sometimes called *departmentalized instruction*).

O None of the above; please explain:

#### 8. How long is your average daily literacy block?



#### **Literacy Interventions and Practices**

#### 9. Which best describes your approach to reading/writing/literacy instruction?

O I mainly use a published curriuculum, program, or textbook series for literacy instructional activities.

O I use a published curriculum, program, or textbook series for some, but not all, instructional activities.

O I mainly use instructional materials, resources, or strategies that I find or develop myself for reading/writing/literacy instruction. [Respondent will skip out of Q10]

10. List the curricula, programs, or textbook series that you use most often to teach reading/writing/literacy. Start by listing the curricula, program, or textbooks you rely on most frequently under #1, then the program you use the second most frequently under #2, and so on. You may leave rows blank if you rely only on one or two curricula, programs, or textbooks.

Please do not include individual novels or other readings that you select for your class which are not part of a series or collection.

1	Name of curriculum/program/textbook:				
	How frequently do you use this resource?	□ aily	D	□ Frequ ently (2–4 times per week)	□ Occ asionally (2–4 times per month)
	Is this resource new for the 2018–19 school year?	□ es	Y	□ No	
2	Name of curriculum/program/textbook:				
	How frequently do you use this resource?	□ aily	D	□ Frequ ently (2–4 times per week)	□ Occ asionally (2–4 times per month)
	Is this resource new for the 2018–19 school year?	□ es	Y	□ No	
3	Name of curriculum/program/textbook:	•			
	How frequently do you use this resource?	□ aily	D	□ Frequ ently (2–4 times per week)	□ Occ asionally (2–4 times per month)
	Is this resource new for the 2018–19 school year?	□ es	Y	□ No	

#### **Literacy Instruction**

11. Depending on the age and skill level of your students, your focus in literacy instruction may vary. To what extent do you instruct on the following topics or conduct the following activities when teaching literacy or reading this school year?

		Not at all	Minimal Iy	Moderatel y	Extensivel y
a.	Print concepts				
b.	Phonological awareness (spoken words and sounds)				
C.	Decoding and/or phonics				
d.	Fluent reading (accuracy, rate, expression)				
е	Vocabulary (word meaning, meaning of word parts, context clues)				
f.	Key ideas and details in text—explicit meaning, inferences, supporting details				
g.	Craft of text—figurative language, purpose, text structure, point of view				
h.	Integration of text—evaluate claims, look at validity of arguments, compare texts				
i.	Content of writing (topic selection, purpose)				
j.	Process of writing (drafting, editing)				
k.	Mechanics of writing (grammar, punctuation)				
١.	Spelling				
m.	Oral language development (discussions, presentations)				

# 12. Estimate how often your students use reading and literacy instructional materials listed below. Keep in mind that, depending on the age and skill level of your students, material use may vary.

		Daily	Frequently (2–4 times per week)	Occasionally (2–4 times per month)	Never
a.	Read materials that challenge their reading level.				
b.	Read nonfiction materials.				
C.	Read chapter novels.				
d.	Use leveled readers.				
e.	Read books and materials that they have chosen themselves.				
f.	Read diverse texts that reflect their interests.				
g.	Develop reading skills through content texts (e.g., science, social studies, history, geography).				
h.	Use reading software or technology devices.				
i.	Use digital references or conduct online research.				

## 13. What percentage of your students do you estimate struggle (lag behind grade level) in terms of reading development or literacy skills?

- O Few (< 5%) of the students I teach are struggling with literacy skills. [Respondent will skip out of Q14]
- O About a quarter of my students struggle with literacy skills.
- O About half of my students struggle with literacy skills.
- O About three-quarters of my students struggle with literacy skills.
- O Almost all my students struggle with literacy skills.

## 14. How often do your students who are struggling readers receive each of the following supports?

		Daily	Frequently (2–4 times per week)	Occasionall y (2–4 times per month)	Never
a.	Separate instructional activities or materials <b>as part of regular</b> <b>instruction</b> (e.g., readings that are on a different level, extra worksheets)				
b.	In-class (push-in) <b>one-on-one support</b> from a reading specialist or interventionist				
C.	In-class (push-in) <b>small group work</b> with a reading specialist or interventionist				
d.	Pull-out <b>one-on-one support</b> from a reading specialist or interventionist				
e.	Pull-out <b>small group work</b> with a reading specialist or interventionist				

#### 15. To what extent do the following statements reflect your literacy instruction?

		Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Extensively
a.	My curriculum/instructional approach involves students conducting research to answer questions or solve problems.				
b.	My curriculum/instructional approach allows students to engage in self-directed learning.				
С.	My curriculum/instructional approach allows for accommodation of individual learning differences.				
d.	My students seem motivated about what they are reading and writing.				

The questions in this section refer to "progress tests" (also called "interim," "benchmark," or "diagnostic" tests) in reading/language arts/English. By progress tests we mean tests that are administered periodically (e.g., every 4–8 weeks) to monitor your students' progress. "Progress tests" do NOT mean the annual STATE assessment in reading.

16. Do you administer specific reading/language arts/English progress tests on a periodic basis (e.g., every 4–8 weeks) to monitor your students' progress?

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O ↔ Respondent will continue to question 17

### 17. How often are the reading/language arts/English progress tests administered? (Check one box only.)

- O Not administered at all
- O Two to three times per year
- O Approximately every 6 to 8 weeks
- O Monthly or more often

### 18. Do you use a standardized (that is named or "branded") assessment for these reading/language arts/English progress tests?

O No

• Yes >> What is the name of the standardized assessment or assessments you use?

# 19. During the course of THIS SCHOOL YEAR, how often have you used results from literacy progress tests for each of the following purposes?

I have used test results to ...

		Not at all	Used minimally	Used moderatel y	Used extensivel y
a	Identify individual students who need extra assistance.				
b	Identify individual students who would benefit from accelerated instruction				
C	Tailor instruction to individual students' needs.				
d	Identify and correct gaps in the curriculum for all students.				
е	Recommend tutoring or other educational services to students.				
f.	Assign or reassign students to groups.				

#### **Professional Development Related to Literacy**

20. Did you participate in any coursework, institutes, workshops, teacher networks, learning communities, or committee work related to reading or writing instruction during this school year (2018–19) or summer 2018?

- Yes  $\rightarrow$  Respondent will continue to question 21
- O No  $\rightarrow$  Respondent will automatically skip to question 25

#### 21. Please estimate the total number of hours during this school year (2018–19) or summer 2018 that you participated in the following activities.

To estimate hours:

- A full-day seminar or class represents 8 hours.
- A half-day training represents 4 hours.
- Write "0" if you participated in none.

	Professional development activities:	Number of hours:
a.	Attended a training, workshop, seminar, or institute in literacy/English language arts (ELA) conducted in or outside of your school.	
b.	Attended a course in literacy/ELA instruction.	
C.	Attended a conference about literacy/ELA.	
d.	Observed literacy/ELA instruction in your own or other schools.	
e.	Attended grade-level or professional learning community meetings focused on literacy/ELA.	
f.	Other literacy/ELA activity (please specify):	

#### Information About Literacy Institutes/Workshops You Attended

Now we would like you to think about the coursework, institutes, seminars, conferences, or workshops related to teaching literacy that you have attended. We will ask you about the content of any *COACHING* you may have received SEPARATELY.

#### 22. Indicate the extent to which the coursework, institutes, or workshops you attended in either this school year (2018–19) or summer 2018 emphasized the following topics.

	Topic:	Focus during coursework, institutes, workshops				
		No focus	Slight focus	Moderate focus	Major focus	
a.	Decoding/phonics					
b.	Fluency (e.g., awareness of text, pace, accuracy)					
c.	Vocabulary (e.g., definitions, synonyms, suffixes)					
d.	Comprehension (e.g., main idea, text elements, structure, validity of arguments, figurative language)					
e.	Writing (e.g., spelling, topic selection, drafting, editing, conferencing)					
f.	Literacy environment (e.g., use of space, organization of books, wall displays)					
g.	Classroom management (e.g., establishing procedures/ routines, positive language, teacher disposition)					
h.	Uses of technology in literacy instruction					

23. Please indicate the extent to which your coursework, institutes, or workshops in either this school year (2018–19) or summer 2018 focused on the following topics. (*Please exclude coaching; we will ask you about this later.*)

		Focus during coursework, institutes, workshops				
		No focus	Slight focus	Moderate focus	Major focus	
a	Teaching literacy aligned to state standards.					
b	Organizing small group instruction.					
С	Differentiating instruction.					
d	Interpreting and using assessment data to guide instruction.					
е	Teaching English learners.					
g	Intervening with readers who are below grade level.					

Please continue to think about only coursework, institutes, or workshops related to teaching literacy during the 2018–19 school year or summer 2018. (*Please exclude coaching; we will ask you about this later.*)

### 24. Please rate your agreement with the following statements. These institutes or workshops have...

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongl y agree
a.	Been consistent with my own goals for professional development.				
b.	Built on what I have learned in earlier professional development experiences.				
C.	Supported state or district standards and/or assessments.				
d.	Been part of a school improvement plan to meet state, district, and/or school goals.				
e.	Tried to cover too many topics.				
f.	Allowed me to focus on an instructional problem over an extended period of time.				
g.	Provided ongoing opportunities for collaboration with other teachers.				
h.	Enhanced my ability to improve student learning.				
i.	Have taken more time than they were worth.				

25. During the 2018–19 school year, did you receive any coaching or mentoring related to reading or writing instruction from a school-based or non-school-based coach?

- O Yes  $\rightarrow$  Respondent will continue to question 26
- No  $\rightarrow$  Respondent will automatically skip to question 30

#### Information About the Coaching in Which You Participated

### 26. Please estimate the total number of hours of coaching <u>related to reading or writing</u> <u>instruction</u> you received during the 2018-19 school year.

Round to the nearest whole hour.

Number of hours	

Now we would like to ask you about specific coaching activities.

# 27. During the 2018-19 school year, how many times did you participate in each of the following coaching activities?

Enter the total number of times that you participated in these activities. Enter "0" if you participated in none.

	Coaching activities:	Number of times activity occurred
a.	I worked with a coach to plan a lesson.	
b.	I observed while a coach modeled instructional methods/demonstrated a lesson.	
С.	I worked with a coach to interpret and use assessment data or student work to guide instruction.	
d.	A coach helped me set up my classroom space/environment.	
e.	A coach helped me learn how to model for, mentor, train, or facilitate other teachers.	
f.	A coach observed me teaching in person or by video	
g.	A coach co-taught with me.	
h.	A coach gave me feedback after observing me teach.	

## 28. Indicate the extent to which coaching sessions during the 2018-19 school year emphasized the following literacy-related topics.

	Tania	Focus during coaching			
	Topic:	No focus	Slight focus	Moderate focus	Major focus
a.	Decoding/phonics				
b.	Fluency (e.g., awareness of text, pace, accuracy)				
с.	Vocabulary (e.g., definitions, synonyms, suffixes)				
d.	Comprehension (e.g., main idea, text elements, structure, validity of arguments, figurative language)				
e.	Writing (e.g., spelling, topic selection, drafting, editing, conferencing)				
f.	Literacy environment (e.g., use of space, organization of books, wall displays)				
g.	Classroom management (e.g., establishing procedures/ routines, positive language, teacher disposition)				

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		Focus during coaching			
		No focus	Slight focus	Moderate focus	Major focus
a	Teaching literacy aligned to state standards.				
b	Organizing small group instruction.				
С	Differentiating instruction.				
d	Interpreting and using assessment data to guide instruction.				
е	Teaching English learners.				
g	Intervening with readers who are below grade level.				

### 30. In a typical week, how much paid release time do you have for planning instruction? (Check one)

- □ None
- □ 1-2 hours
- □ 3-5 hours
- □ 6-10 hours
- □ More than 10 hours

#### The SRCL Program in Your School

# 31. Are you aware that your school is part of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) program this year?

□ Yes □ No [If no, the respondent will not see response options in Column B of Q32 and will not see Q33]

32. Please indicate below which aspects of your literacy instruction have changed this year and whether you think that the SRCL (Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy) program has been responsible in part or whole for the change.

		Column A: Improved since last year?		since Column B: If Yes: Is Improvement		
		No	Yes	No	Yes	Don't know
a.	Amount/quality of literacy resources available to support instruction					
b.	Literacy/reading curriculum for the general classroom					
С.	Availability of supplemental literacy/reading curriculum for subgroups of students					

		Column A: Improved since last year?		since Column B: If Yes: Is Improv		
		No	Yes	No	Yes	Don't know
d.	Availability of other teachers to help with literacy instruction in your classroom					
e.	Amount/quality of coaching from a district literacy coach					
f.	Amount/quality of support from a district reading specialist					
g.	Amount of time during the day for students to practice writing					
h.	Amount of time during the day for students to read					
i.	Amount/quality of professional development on effective literacy instruction					
j.	Release time for instructional planning					
k.	Supports for attending professional development (stipends, registration, substitutes, mileage)					

# 33. Other than the changes listed above, are there any other changes related to reading/literacy instruction that have happened in your school or in the district as part of the SRCL program?

- O Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue with Question 26.
- O No  $\rightarrow$  Skip to Question 34

#### What are these changes?

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#### Your Background

# 34. Please describe the certification(s)/license(s)/credential(s)/endorsement(s) that you hold.

(Check all that apply in each column.)

A. Level(s) of certification/	B. Subject endorsement area(s)	C. Certification/licensure/	D. Type(s) of certification/
licensure/credential/		credential/endorsement for	licensure/credential/
endorsement		teaching special populations	endorsement
<ul> <li>Early childhood</li> <li>Elementary</li> <li>Middle</li> <li>Secondary</li> <li>Kindergarten</li> <li>Grade 1</li> <li>Grade 2</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Grade 4</li> <li>Grade 5</li> <li>Grade 6</li> <li>Grade 7</li> <li>Grade 8</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>English</li> <li>Reading/language arts</li> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Science</li> <li>Social sciences</li> <li>Foreign languages</li> <li>Music/arts</li> <li>Physical education/ health</li> <li>No subject-area certification</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	ESL/bilingual Special education	<ul> <li>Advanced (e.g., National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification)</li> <li>Regular or standard</li> <li>Probationary or preliminary</li> <li>Provisional</li> <li>Temporary</li> <li>Emergency or waiver</li> <li>Interim waiver</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>