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Special Education Teacher Background Survey 2021

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study



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Completing this survey will help us learn more about special education teachers and the children they serve.

Thank you for your time!

To show our appreciation, we have included with your invitation a check that equals \$20 for the teacher background survey plus \$7 for every child for whom you've been asked to complete a survey.

Please return the survey to **your school coordinator or an ECLS staff member.** The survey should be sealed in the envelope we provided you. Do <u>not</u> mail this survey unless you are provided with an additional mailing envelope.

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The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is authorized to conduct the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS) by the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002, 20 U.S.C. §9543). The data are being collected for NCES by Westat, a U.S.-based research organization. All of the information you provide 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 (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). 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 voluntary information collection is 1850-0750 v.22. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average approximately 15 minutes per teacher background survey including instructions and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate, suggestions for improving this information collection, or any comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of these data, please write directly to: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, National Center for Education Statistics, PCP, 550 12th St., SW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20202. # 1850-0750 v.22.



Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Special Education Teacher Survey (Teacher Level) Fall 2021 – Form SPAK-FT

Dear Special Education Teacher or Related Service Provider,

Your school has agreed to participate in the **Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS)**, a nationwide study of elementary-aged children, their schools, teachers, and parents. As part of the study, we are asking teachers at your school to complete surveys. You have been asked to complete surveys because one or more of the children you serve are participants in this study. The teacher survey contains questions about you and your classroom practices. There are also brief surveys for each of the sampled children that you teach. These surveys contain questions about the children's skills and abilities.

The ECLS collects information from teachers of children who are in the study and from the special education teachers or related service providers of sampled children who have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Our purpose is to investigate the relationship between the 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 survey as completely and accurately as possible. You may find at least some of the information we are asking for in the child's IEP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

MARKING DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND USE A BLACK OR BLUE BALL POINT PEN TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. 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.

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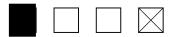
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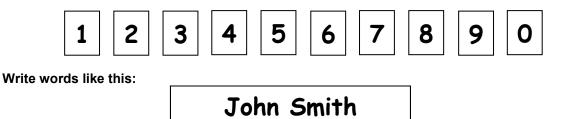
Completely black out the box of the incorrect answer and mark an "X" in the box next to the correct answer.



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 – θ , and do not write a seven with a line through it like this – 7.

Write one number per box like this:





The first several questions pertain to your roles and responsibilities.

1. Which of the following best describes your current position in this school? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

Special education teacher
Special education teacher consultant
General education teacher
Special education classroom aide
Speech-language pathologist
Physical therapist
Physical therapy assistant or aide
Occupational therapist
Occupational therapy assistant or aide
School psychologist
School counselor
School social worker
Other (Please specify):

2. How do you classify your main assignment at this school, that is, the activity at which you spend most of your time during this school year? *MARK ONE RESPONSE*.

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Regular full-time teacher or service provider

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Itinerant teacher or service provider (that is, your assignment requires you to provide instruction or related
services at more than one school)

Long-term substitute (that is, your assignment requires that you fill the role of a teacher on a
long-term basis, but you are still considered a substitute)

Teacher	aide
reacher	uiuc

Other (Please specify):



IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q8 ON PAGE 4

3. As of today's date, how many children with and without IEPs do you teach or serve? *WRITE NUMBER IN BOX.*



Without IEPs

4. As of today's date, how many children <u>with IEPs</u> that you teach or serve are the following ages? WRITE NUMBER IN BOX, IF NONE, WRITE "0."

		Number of Children
a.	3 years old	
b.	4 years old	
c.	5 years old	
d.	6 years old	
e.	7 years old	
f.	8 years old	
g.	9 years old or older	
h.	Total (sum of a-g)	



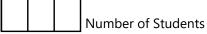
How many of the children with IEPs that you teach or serve belong to each of the following 5. racial-ethnic groups? WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0." Please count each child only once. Hispanic children should only be counted in the Hispanic or Latino/Latina category regardless of race.

		Number of Children
a.	Hispanic or Latino/Latina of any race	
b.	American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	
c.	Asian, non-Hispanic	
d.	Black or African American, non-Hispanic	
e.	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	
f.	White, non-Hispanic	
g.	Two or more races, non-Hispanic	

6. As of today's date, how many boys and girls with IEPs do you teach or serve? WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."

		Number of Children
a.	Number of boys	
b.	Number of girls	

7. How many of the students with IEPs that you teach or serve are English Language Learners (ELLs)? WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."





8. During the school year, how many children with IEPs have you worked with or provided services for, on average, each <u>week</u>? (Include children you work with directly, as well as children for whom you consult with the general education teacher and/or another special education teacher or service provider.) *MARK ONE RESPONSE*.

1-10
11-20
21-40

More than 40

9. During this school year, where have you worked with children with IEPs? INCLUDE ONLY CHILDREN WHO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL. MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

In a general education classroom

In a special education classroom

In a non-classroom space (for example, office, therapy room, small work space, mobile van, etc.)

In a location outside of the school setting (for example, a child's home, a private clinic, etc.)

Other (Please specify):

- 10. For how many students do you serve as case manager? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
 - 1-10
 11-20
 21-40
 More than 40

None

11. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement. I am satisfied with my class size or caseload (that is, the total number of students you teach or serve). *MARK ONE RESPONSE.*

Strongly disagree
Disagree
Neither disagree nor agree
Agree

Strongly agree



THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT STUDENTS' CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR. IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q17 ON PAGE 8

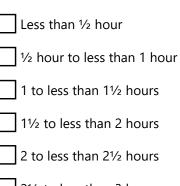
- 12. How often does disruptive student behavior interfere with your instruction? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
 - Never

Seldom

Usually

Always

13. How much time <u>per day</u> would you estimate that you spend handling disruptive student behavior? MARK ONE RESPONSE.



2¹/₂ to less than 3 hours

3 hours or more



14. The next set of questions relates to your instructional activities and resources. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the following behavioral support practices are characteristic of your teaching? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	Routines are consistently implemented.					
b.	Expectations of students are clearly communicated in positive terms.					
c.	You gain the attention of all students before beginning a lesson.					
d.	You solicit both group and individual responses to questions.					
e.	You provide all students with individual opportunities to respond to questions.					
f.	There is a system for documenting and rewarding appropriate student behavior.					
g.	You use a continuum of consequences to discourage inappropriate student behavior.					

15. How strongly do you agree or disagree that you teach the following social and emotional competencies to the students that you teach or serve? *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	Self-awareness (teaching students to recognize their own feelings, interests, strengths, and limitations)					
b.	Self-management (teaching students to regulate emotions and manage daily stressors)					
c.	Social awareness (teaching students to take the perspective of others and appreciate similarities and differences)					
d.	Relationships and social skills (teaching students prosocial behavior and skills to develop meaningful relationships)					
e.	Responsible decision making (teaching students to identify and analyze problems, understand consequences, and take responsibility for their decisions)					



16. How strongly do you agree or disagree that you utilize the following practices in your classes? *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	Display pictures, posters, artwork, and other décor that reflect diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds					
b.	Ensure that all notices and communications to families and caregivers are written in their language of origin					
c.	Use alternative formats and varied approaches to communicate and share information with families and caregivers					
d.	Screen books, movies, and other media resources for negative cultural, ethnic, or racial stereotypes before using them with students					



The next questions ask about professional development.

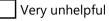
17. In the <u>past 12 months</u>, did you participate in any professional development activities pertaining to the use of evidence-based practices for working with students with disabilities? *MARK ONE RESPONSE*.



18. In the past 12 months, how many hours did you spend on these activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

4 hours or less
5-8 hours
9-12 hours
13-16 hours
17-20 hours
21-24 hours
25-28 hours
29-32 hours
33 hours or more

19. Overall, how helpful were these activities to you? MARK ONE RESPONSE.



Unhelpful

Neither unhelpful nor helpful

Helpful

Very helpful

20. To what extent was the professional development you received in the past 12 months relevant to your role teaching or serving students with disabilities? *MARK ONE RESPONSE.*

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Somewhat relevant



Very relevant



21. In the <u>current school year</u>, do you work closely with a master or mentor teacher who was assigned to you by your school or district? *MARK ONE REPSONSE*.



22. How frequently do you work with your assigned master or mentor teacher? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

At least once a week Once or twice a month A few times a year Once or never

23. Overall, to what extent did your assigned master or mentor teacher improve your skills in the following areas? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

		Not at all	To a small extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	Not applicable/ not part of my work responsibility
a.	Providing large group instruction					
b.	Providing small group or one-on-one instruction or therapy					
c.	Managing students' behavior					
d.	Completing paperwork					
e.	Conducting student assessments					
f.	Finding needed human or material resources					
g.	Communicating with parents					

IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q35 ON PAGE 17. OTHERWISE, GO TO NEXT PAGE.



24-1. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements about your <u>school</u>. *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW*.

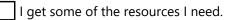
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	The level of child misbehavior (for example, noise, horseplay, or fighting in the halls or cafeteria) in this school interferes with my teaching.					
b.	Many of the children I teach are not capable of learning the material I am supposed to teach them.					
c.	I feel accepted and respected as a colleague by most staff members.					
d.	Teachers in this school are continually learning and seeking new ideas.					
e.	Routine administrative duties and paperwork interfere with my job of teaching.					
f.	Parents are supportive of school staff.					
g.	There is a great deal of cooperative effort among the staff members.					
h.	In this school, staff members are recognized for a job well done.					
i.	The academic standards at this school are too low	· 🔲				
j.	There is broad agreement among the entire school faculty about the central mission of the school.					
k.	The school administrator sets priorities, makes plans, and sees that they are carried out.					
I.	The school administration's behavior toward the staff is supportive and encouraging.					



24-2. The next set of questions pertains to the availability and use of instructional resources and technology. Which of the following statements is true about how well your school system provides you with the instructional materials and other resources you need to teach or serve students with IEPs? *MARK ONE RESPONSE*.

I get all the resources I need.

I get most of the resources I need.



I don't get any of the resources I need.

24-3. In general, how adequate is each of the following for your students with IEPs? *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

	I don't use these with my students	Never adequate	Often not adequate	Sometimes not adequate	Always adequate
a. Digital tablets (such as an iPad)					
 b. Visual display technology (for example, SMART Board[®]) 					
c. Computers (with internet access)					
d. Licensed computer software packages					

24-4. Do you implement any of the following technology use practices in teaching or serving students with IEPs? *MARK ALL THAT APPLY.*

Encourage students to use <u>personal</u> cell phones and/or tablets as tools
Encourage or require students to use tablets or other digital devices provided by the school as tools
Encourage or require students to use school computers as tools
Provide web-based instruction
Provide blended learning
Other (Please specify):
None of the above



24-5. Please report the following about the computers available to your students with IEPs every day. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DESKTOP, LAPTOP, OR OTHER COMPUTER-TYPE DEVICE (FOR EXAMPLE, TABLETS) USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. IF NONE, WRITE "0."



24-6. Please report the following about the computers that can be brought into the room (for example, laptops on carts). *PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DESKTOP, LAPTOP, OR OTHER COMPUTER-TYPE DEVICE (FOR EXAMPLE, TABLETS) USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. IF NONE, WRITE "0."*



24-7. How frequently do you or your students use computers (desktop, laptop, or other computer-type devices such as a Chrome Book) in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
a. Daily assignments					
b. Internet research					
c. Special projects					
d. Presentations					
e. Homework					
f. Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					



24-8. How frequently do you or your students use an interactive whiteboard (for example, SMART Board®, ActivBoard) in the following instructional activities? Not

MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	applicable to my role
a. Daily assignments					
b. Internet research					
c. Special projects					
d. Presentations					
e. Homework					
f. Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					

24-9. How frequently do your students use digital cameras (still or video) in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
a. Daily assignments					
b. Special projects					
c. Presentations					
d. Homework					

24-10. How frequently do your students use digital tablets (such as an iPad) in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Not applicable to my role
			Sometimes		
a. Daily assignments					
b. Internet research					
c. Special projects					
d. Presentations					
e. Homework					
f. Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					



IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q35 ON PAGE 17.

25. The next few questions ask about your beliefs about teaching. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW. Neither

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	If I try really hard, I can get through even to the most difficult or unmotivated students.					
b.	If some students in my class are not doing well, I feel that I should change my approach to the subject.					
c.	By trying a different teaching method, I can significantly affect a student's achievement.					
d.	There is really very little I can do to ensure that most of my students achieve at a high level.					
e.	I work to create lessons so my students will enjoy learning and become independent thinkers.					
f.	I feel sometimes it is a waste of my time to try to do my best as a teacher.					
g.	The attitudes and habits students bring to my class greatly reduce their chances for academi success.					
h.	My success or failure in teaching is due primarily to factors beyond my control rather than to my own effort or ability.					

26. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements as it applies to your instruction? *MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.*

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a.	The amount a student can learn is primarily related to family background.					
b.	If a student did not remember information I gave in a previous lesson, I would know how to increase his or her retention in the next lesson.					
c.	If a student in my class becomes disruptive and noisy, I feel assured that I know some techniques to redirect the student quickly.					



27. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements on working with children. MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Agree	Strongly agree
a. I really enjoy my present job.					
 I am certain I am making a difference in the lives of the children I work with. 					
c. If I could start over, I would choose this again as my career.					

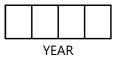


THE NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS ASK FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, PLEASE GO TO Q38 ON PAGE 18.

28. What is your gender? MARK ONE RESPONSE.



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



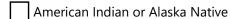
30. Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

A person who is Hispanic or Latino/Latina is of Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.



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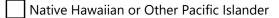
31. Which best describes your race? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.



Asian



Black or African American



White



32. What is the highest level of education you have completed? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

Did not complete high school
High school diploma or equivalent/GED
Some college or technical or vocational school
Associate's degree
Bachelor's degree
Master's degree
An advanced professional degree beyond a master's degree (for example, Ph.D., MD, Ed.D.)

33a. What is the name of the college or university where you earned your highest degree? *If not applicable, please go to Q34.*

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

33b. In what city and state is it located? (If outside the U.S., please note the country.)

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The next few questions pertain to your years of experience.

34. If you have an associate's or bachelor's degree, what was your undergraduate major field of study? *MARK ONE RESPONSE.*

Early childhood education

Elementary education

Special education

Other education-related major (such as secondary education, educational psychology, education administration, music education, etc.)

Non-education major (such as history, English, etc.)

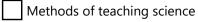


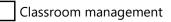
35.	If you have a graduate degree, what was the major field of study of your highest level graduate degree? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Early childhood education
	Elementary education
	Special education
	Other education-related major (such as secondary education, educational psychology, education administration, music education, etc.)
	Non-education major (such as history, English, etc.)
36.	Have you ever taken a college course in the following areas? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Early childhood education
	Elementary education
	Special education
	English as a Second Language (ESL) or teaching English language learners
	Child development

Child development

Methods of teaching reading or language arts

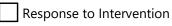
Methods of teaching mathematics





None of the above

37. Did any of your college or graduate school courses address issues related to the following? *MARK ALL THAT APPLY.*





Early Intervening Services

None of the above



38.	The next few questions ask about your credentials. Which of the following describes the teaching
	certificate you currently hold in this state? MARK 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.

39. Which of the following credentials, licenses, or certificates do you have for working with children with disabilities? DO NOT INCLUDE ACADEMIC DEGREES, SUCH AS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE, MASTER'S DEGREE, OR PH.D. MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

Disability-specific credential

Special education credential (for more than one disability category)

Early childhood special education credential

General education credential

Speech-language pathology license or credential

Other professional license, credential, or endorsement (Please specify):

None of the above

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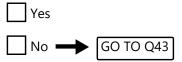
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40. Which of the following best describes the type of educator preparation program you participated in while earning your current and initial certification? *MARK ONE IN EACH COLUMN*.

		Current Certification	Initial Certification
a.	Traditional four-year program based at an institution of higher education		
b.	Alternative program based at an institution of higher education		
c.	Alternative program <u>not</u> based at an institution of higher education		
d.	Other preparation program		



41. Have you taken the exam for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification? *MARK ONE RESPONSE.*



42. What was the result of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards exam? *MARK ONE RESPONSE.*

Awaiting test results

Passed

Have not yet passed

43. Counting this school year, how many years have you worked in your current school, including part time? WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."



44. Counting this school year, how many total years have you been working with children in any school, including years in which you worked part time? This would include other assignments such as teaching in a regular classroom or otherwise providing services to children. WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE "1."

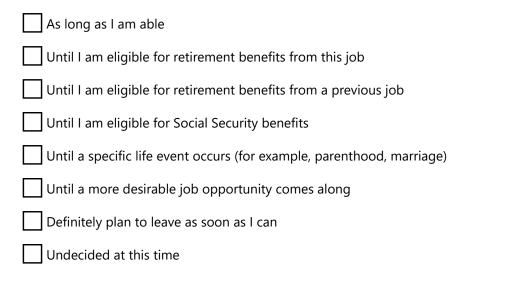


45. Counting this school year, how many <u>total</u> years have you been working with children receiving special education or related services in any school, including years in which you worked part time? *WRITE THE NUMBER OF YEARS TO THE NEAREST FULL SCHOOL YEAR. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR, WRITE* "1."





46. How long do you plan to continue to teach or provide related services? MARK ONE RESPONSE.



47. Please fill in the boxes below with the date the survey was completed.



Thank you very much for answering these questions and taking the time to participate in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study.