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Teacher Background Survey

Early Childhood Longitudinal Study





Completing this survey will help us learn more about teachers and their classrooms.

Thank you for your time!

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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Early Childhood Longitudinal Study General Education Teacher Survey (Teacher Level) Fall 2022 – Form TQA1A-FT

Dear Teacher,

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. 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. Those surveys contain questions about the children's skills and abilities.

The ECLS collects information from teachers of children who are in the study to investigate the relationship between children's academic progress and various school, classroom, teacher, and home characteristics. Taking part in the study is voluntary. You may stop at any time or choose not to answer a question you do not want to answer. However, only you can provide this information. Although we realize you are very busy, we urge you to complete these surveys as completely and accurately as possible.

Please record your answers directly on the survey by writing your responses in the space provided. Your best estimates are acceptable answers.

DEFINING "YOUR CLASS": Most of the items in this survey ask you to provide information about "your class." By the term "your class," we generally mean the group of students who spend the majority of their school day with you or your homeroom - though some or all of them may leave your classroom for certain activities, including some academic instruction. If you are not sure what group of children to think about when answering questions about "your class," please ask for assistance from the ECLS-K study representatives when they visit your school.

DEFINITIONS

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

- Kindergarten: Traditional year of school primarily for 5-year-olds prior to first grade.
- <u>Transitional (or readiness) kindergarten (TK)</u>: A transitional kindergarten (TK) program is an extra year of school before kindergarten starts. It is different from preschool, Head Start, and prekindergarten. TK may be for children who are too young to start kindergarten or need more time to be ready for kindergarten. Schools have different names for these programs (for example, early transitional kindergarten (ETK), readiness kindergarten, or a kindergarten equivalent in a classroom without grades or one with multiple grades), but all are types of kindergarten. The program may be in a public or private school, or an early childhood setting such as a nursery school, early childhood learning center, or day care center. It may be a full- or part-day program and have regular and/or special education.
- <u>Transitional first (or pre-first) grade</u>: Transitional first (or pre-first) grade is a school program between kindergarten and the first grade. The name of this program may vary by school (for example, a K-1 class or placement). It is for children who have attended kindergarten, but need more time to be ready for the first grade. Children in this program may be part of a regular first-grade classroom or in a separate classroom.

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- <u>English language learner (ELL)</u>: A student whose native language is other than English and whose skills in listening to, speaking, reading, or writing English are such that he/she derives little benefit from school instruction in English.
- <u>English as a Second Language (ESL) program</u>: An instructional program designed to teach listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills to students with limited proficiency in English.
- <u>Bilingual education program</u>: A program in which native language is used to varying degrees in instructing students with limited proficiency in English.
- <u>Dual language program</u>: Also known as two-way immersion, the goal of these programs is for students to develop language proficiency in two languages by receiving instruction in English and another language in a classroom that is usually composed of half native English speakers and half native speakers of the other language.
- <u>ESL Instruction</u>: A program of techniques, methodology, and special curriculum designed to teach ELL students English language skills, which may include listening, speaking, reading, writing, study skills, content vocabulary, and cultural orientation. ESL instruction is usually in English with little use of native language.
- <u>Bilingual Instruction</u>: Instruction in all courses and subjects given in English and the native language of the child of limited English proficiency to the extent necessary to allow the child to achieve competence.

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.

Correct Mark:



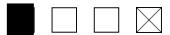
Incorrect Marks:

Light and thin, outside the box, thick or scrawled.



How to Change an Answer:

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



PRINTING ANSWERS IN BOXES:

Answers should be printed clearly and should not touch or cross any of the box lines. Do not cross zeroes or sevens. That is, do not write a zero with a line through it like this – θ , and do not write a seven with a line through it like this – \mathcal{F} .

Write one number per box like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Write words like this:

John Smith



SECTION B. CLASS ORGANIZATION AND RESOURCES

, ,,	ARK ALL THAT APPLY.						
	In-person instruction only	→ [66	TO DO				
	Web-based instruction only		TO B3				
	Blended instruction (In blended instruction, student are taught with online education materials in addition to tradition face-to-face teaching.)	ts onal	ТО В2				
pr In	uring this school year, approxime ovide is in-person? WRITE NUME blended instruction, students are to te-to-face teaching.	BER IN BOX	K. IF NO STU	IDENTS EXF	PERIENCED	THIS, WRITE	E "O."
	Percentage						
3. The next group of questions asks about classroom practices. In a typical day, how much time does a child in your class spend in the following activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW, DO NOT INCLUDE LUNCH OR RECESS BREAKS.							
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a. b.	Working on individual tasks under teacher direction Working with peers under	the follow SS BREAKS	wing activity Half hour or	About	About two	ONSE ON EA	Four



B4.	How often does disruptive student behavior interfere with your instruction? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Never
	Seldom
	Usually
	Always
B5.	How much time <u>per day</u> would you estimate that you spend handling disruptive student behavior? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Less than ½ hour
	1/2 hour to less than 1 hour
	1 to less than 1½ hours
	1½ to less than 2 hours
	2 to less than 2½ hours
	2½ to less than 3 hours
	3 hours or more



B6. How <u>often</u> does the typical child in your class usually work on lessons or projects in the following general subject areas, whether as a whole class, in small groups, or in individualized arrangements? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

			Less than					
			once a	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
		Never	week	a week	a week	a week	a week	a week
a.	Reading and language arts							
b.	Mathematics							
C.	Social studies							
d.	Science							
e.	Music							
f.	Art							
g.	Physical education							
h.	Dance/creative movement							
i.	Theater/creative dramatics							
j.	Foreign language (excluding English for ELL students)							
k.	Computer science (including coding)							



B7. On the days children work in these areas, how much time does the typical child in your class usually work on lessons or projects in the following general subject areas? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	a -	Not pplicable/ Never	Less than ½ hour a day	½ hour to less than 1 hour	1 to less than 1½ hours	1½ to less than 2 hours	2 to less than 2½ hours	2½ to less than 3 hours	3 hours or more
a.	Reading and language arts								
b.	Mathematics								
C.	Social studies								
d.	Science								
e.	Music								
f.	Art								
g.	Physical education								
h.	Dance/creative movement								
i.	Theater/creative dramatics								
j.	Foreign language (excluding English for ELL students)								
k.	Computer science (including coding)								

B8a. In an average week, how often do you divide your class or classes into achievement groups for reading activities or lessons? MARK ONE RESPONSE.

☐ Never →	GO TO B9a on page 5
Less than once	a week
1 day a week	
2 days a week	
3 days a week	
4 days a week	
5 days a week	



B8b.	When you use achievement groups for <u>reading</u> , how many groups do you typically have? IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CLASS, ENTER THE AVERAGE FOR YOUR CLASSES. WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."
	Number of groups
В8с.	On days when you divide your class into achievement groups for <u>reading</u> , how many minutes do the groups usually stay together? IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CLASS, ENTER THE AVERAGE FOR YOUR CLASSES. WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "O."
	Number of minutes
В9а.	In an average week, how often do you divide your class or classes into achievement groups for <u>math</u> activities or lessons? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Never GO TO B10 on page 6
	Less than once a week
	1 day a week
	2 days a week
	3 days a week
	4 days a week
	5 days a week
B9b.	When you use achievement groups for <u>math</u> , how many groups do you typically have? IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CLASS, ENTER THE AVERAGE FOR YOUR CLASSES. WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."
	Number of groups



B9c.	the	n days when you divide you e groups usually stay toge OUR CLASSES. WRITE NUMB	ether? IF YOU	J HAVE MORE	THAN ONE C		-	
		Number of minute	es					
B10.		ow often do the children i SPONSE ON EACH ROW.	n your class	or classes do	the followin	g activities	? MARK ONE	
			No libra or me cent in th scho	ry dia er Once a iis month	Two or three times a month	Once or twice a week	Three or four times a week	Daily
	a.	Go to school library or me	edia					
	b.	Borrow materials from the library or media center						
B11.	Нс	ow many days a week do o	children hav	e recess? WRI7	TE NUMBER I	N BOX. IF N	ONE, WRITE "C)."
		Number of days						
B12.		a typical day, how much t IAN ONE CLASS, ENTER THE	-	-		_		
			No time	1-15 minutes	16-30 minutes	31-45 minutes	Longer than 45 minutes	;
	a.	Lunch						
	b.	Free play indoors						
	C.	Free play outdoors (including recess)						



B13.	Do any of the following staff members provide direct instruction to students in your class who are <u>struggling or at risk of failure in reading or math?</u> INCLUDE STAFF OTHER THAN YOURSELF WHO PROVIDE DIRECT INSTRUCTION EITHER IN YOUR CLASS OR IN A PULL-OUT SETTING. EXCLUDE PARAPROFESSIONALS/AIDES. MARK ALL THAT APPLY.							
		A reading specialist/interventionist who has specialized	training in reading instruction					
	A math specialist/interventionist who has specialized training in math instruction							
		A special education teacher						
B14.	wo	ow many <u>hours</u> a week do different types of paid profes ork directly with children on instructional tasks either in tting? WRITE THE NUMBER OF HOURS IN THE APPROPRIA	your classroom or in a pull-out					
			Hours per week					
	a.	General paraprofessionals/aides						
	b.	Special education paraprofessionals/aides						
	c.	ESL or bilingual education paraprofessionals or aides						
	d.	Volunteers (for example, parents, high school students, community members)						
B15.	ING FO WI	ease report the following about the computers located in CLUDE ANY DESKTOP, LAPTOP, OR OTHER COMPUTER-TYPER INSTRUCTIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. IF YOU THE DEVICE, BUT THOSE DEVICES MUST STAY AT SCHOOLERITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."	PE DEVICE (FOR EXAMPLE, TABLETS) USED JR SCHOOL PROVIDES EACH STUDENT					
			Number of Devices					
	a.	Total number of devices						
	b.	Number with internet access						



B16. Please report the following about the computers that can be brought into your classroom (for example, laptops on carts, or school-provided student computers if students are allowed to take their computers home). PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DESKTOP, LAPTOP, OR OTHER COMPUTER-TYPE DEVICE (FOR EXAMPLE, TABLETS) USED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. WRITE NUMBER IN BOX. IF NONE, WRITE "0."

		Number of Devices
a.	Total number of devices	
b.	Number with internet access	

B17. How frequently do you or your students use <u>computers (desktop, laptop, or other computer-type devices such as a Chrome Book)</u> in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

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



B18. How frequently do you or your students use an interactive whiteboard (for example, SMART Board, Activboard) in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

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

B19. How frequently do you or your students use digital cameras (still or video) in the following instructional activities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

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



B20. 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 available
a.	Daily assignments					
b.	Internet research					
c.	Special projects					
d.	Presentations					
e.	Homework					
f.	Accessing digital resources available through the district (intranet)					

B21. 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 your class in the following subject areas? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	l get all the resources l need	I get most of the resources I need	I get some of the resources I need	I don't get any of the resources I need
a. English language arts				
b. Mathematics				
c. Science				



SECTION D. PARENT INVOLVEMENT

D1.	Now we would like to ask you about family involvement. How many regularly scheduled conferences do you have with a parent or guardian of each child in your class during the school year? MARK ONE RESPONSE.										
		No conferences									
		One conference									
		Two conferences									
	Three or more conferences										
D2.	MA	ARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.	None	1-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76% or more				
	a.	Attend teacher-parent conferences									
	b.	Volunteer regularly to help in your classroom or another part of the school									
	c.	Attend open houses or parties									
	d.	Attend art/music events or demonstrations									



D3. During this school year, how often have you made contacts with parents in the following ways? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

		Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-10 times	11-14 times	15 or more times
a.	Sent home letters, newsletters, or other notices addressed to all parents and guardians						
b.	Communicated with parents and guardians via text messaging						
C.	Shared portfolios or other collections of children's work for parents and guardians to see						
d.	Used email or list-serve to send out group updates or information to parents and guardians						
e.	Maintained classroom website for families and guardians to access						
f.	Used email to address individual questions or concerns of parents and guardians						
g.	Talked to parents and guardians by telephone						



SECTION F. SCHOOL AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

F1. The next set of questions pertains to school-related activities. Have you participated in the following activities since the beginning of the academic year? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

			Never	Once a month or less	Two or three times a month	Once or twice a week	Three to four times a week	Daily
	a.	Meeting with other teachers to discuss lesson planning						
	b.	Meeting with other teachers to discuss curriculum development						
F2.		the past 12 months, did you par e use of evidence-based practice	-			_	_	_
		Yes						
		No GO TO F5 on page	14					
F3.	ln	the past 12 months, how many I	nours did	you spend	on these a	ctivities? M	ARK ONE RE	ESPONSE.
		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						



F4.	To what extent was the professional development you received in the past 12 months relevant to your role as a teacher? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Not relevant
	Somewhat relevant
	Relevant
	Very relevant
F5.	In which of the following staff development and training activities have you participated in during the current academic year? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
	Workshops involving study groups or small-group problem solving
	Direct instruction from an outside consultant on a specific topic
	Peer observation and feedback
	Visits to, or observations of, other schools
	Release time for attending professional conferences
	Enrollment in college or university courses related to your profession
	Professional development via distance learning (web-based, etc)
	Workshops on using computers and technology in the classroom
	None of the these



F6. How often did you participate in professional development activities covering the following topics in the last 12 months? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

		Never	Once a year	2 times a year	3 to 4 times a year	More than 4 times a year
a.	How to use assessment data to identify students who are struggling or at risk of failure in <u>reading</u>					
b.	How to use assessment data to identify students who are struggling or at risk of failure in <u>math</u>					
C.	How to use and apply assessment data to guide <u>reading</u> instruction					
d.	How to use and apply assessment data to guide <u>math</u> instruction					
e.	How to implement the <u>reading</u> curriculum					
f.	How to implement the <u>math</u> curriculum					

F7. Have you received support from any of the following staff members during the current academic year? IF THE RESOURCE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO YOU, MARK THE LAST COLUMN. MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

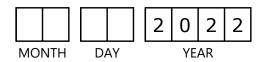
		Yes, support received	No, support not received	Resources not available
a.	A school or district staff member whose role is to provide ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective <u>reading</u> instruction			
b.	A school or district staff member whose role is to provide ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective <u>math</u> instruction			
C.	A school or district staff member who provides ongoing training and support to classroom teachers in the delivery of effective behavioral supports			
d.	A school or district staff member to support teachers in collecting, organizing, and managing assessment data			
e.	A school or district staff member to supporteachers in the interpretation and use of assessment data to guide instruction	t 🔲		



F8.	How often have you been observed by a peer for the purposes of receiving instructional feedback during the current academic year? MARK ONE RESPONSE.						
	Never						
	Once						
	2 times						
	3 or 4 times						
	More than 4 times						



H19. Please fill in the boxes below with the date the survey was completed.



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