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## Adequacy Study

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## Teacher Survey Responses

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## Teacher Survey Date Information

| Survey Distributed: | May 08, 2023 | $\mathbf{3 2 , 4 7 4}$ |
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| Survey Due: | May 19, 2023 |  |
| Final submittal: | June 16, 2023 | $\mathbf{5 , 1 0 3}$ |
| Response Rate: | $\mathbf{1 5 . 7 \%}$ |  |

Note: All questions in the survey require a response (5,103 teachers) except the comment questions or if the question is not applicable to the teacher.

## Background and Teacher Preparation

1. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

2. How would you describe yourself?

3. Current PRIMARY position
4. If you have another teaching role (e.g., you serve as an ESL teacher and you teach a foreign language), please enter your SECONDARY position below.

| Current | PRIMARY position |  | SECONDARY position |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALE teacher | 52 | 1.0\% | 34 | 0.7\% |
| Art classroom teacher | 163 | 3.2\% | 17 | 0.3\% |
| Athletic coach | 85 | 1.7\% | 378 | 7.4\% |
| Career-tech classroom teacher | 354 | 6.9\% | 61 | 1.2\% |
| Elementary classroom teacher | 1,145 | 22.4\% | 35 | 0.7\% |
| English as a 2nd language teacher | 37 | 0.7\% | 57 | 1.1\% |
| English classroom teacher | 515 | 10.1\% | 55 | 1.1\% |
| Gifted and talented classroom teacher | 28 | 0.5\% | 18 | 0.4\% |
| Guidance counselor | 36 | 0.7\% | 3 | 0.1\% |
| Instructional facilitator | 38 | 0.7\% | 33 | 0.6\% |
| Math classroom teacher | 504 | 9.9\% | 84 | 1.6\% |
| Media specialist | 56 | 1.1\% | 7 | 0.1\% |
| Music classroom teacher (band, orchestra, etc.) | 200 | 3.9\% | 20 | 0.4\% |
| P.E. classroom teacher | 103 | 2.0\% | 43 | 0.8\% |
| Science classroom teacher | 471 | 9.2\% | 71 | 1.4\% |
| Social studies classroom teacher | 375 | 7.3\% | 104 | 2.0\% |
| Special education teacher | 492 | 9.6\% | 56 | 1.1\% |
| No SECONDARY position |  |  | 3,594 | 70.4\% |
| Other elective class teacher | 183 | 3.6\% | 156 | 3.1\% |
| Other, please specify | 266 | 5.2\% | 277 | 5.4\% |
| Grand Total | 5,103 |  | 5,103 |  |

## Top "Other" Responses:

Primary: Reading/Dyslexia; Electives; ESOL/Foreign Language
Secondary: Electives; Reading/Dyslexia; Computer Science/Technology
5. Total years of teaching experience, not including this year. (Enter " 0 " if 2022-23 is your first year.)

13 overall average years
6. What was your MAIN activity the year before you began teaching at the K-12 or comparable ungraded level?

7. Please select the option that best describes how you obtained your certification to teach.

8. Please indicate your satisfaction with the following components of your teacher preparation and current position.

9. In your FIRST year of teaching, how well prepared were you to:

10. THIS YEAR, how well prepared are you to:

11. BACKGROUND AND TEACHER PREPARATION - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Teaching Environment and Working Conditions

12. Do you receive at least 200 minutes per week to schedule conferences and plan instruction?

13. Is your planning time provided in increments of at least 40 minutes during the instructional day?

14. The planning time I receive during the instructional day is sufficient.

15. During your most recent FULL WEEK of teaching at THIS school, what is the average number of students you taught at any one time in a single class? 21 overall average
16. Are you a Guidance Counselor? (If no, skip to question 18.)
17. Guidance Counselor - On average, what percentage of your time do you spend on direct services and/or administrative activities in the 2022-23 school year?
Total Responding $=88$ teachers

18. How do the following items impact your decision to teach at your current school?

19. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?


Strongly disagree $\square$ Somewhat disagree $\square$ Somewhat agree $\square$ Strongly agree $\square$ N/A
20. TEACHING ENVIRONMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## General Employment Information

21. During the 2022-23 school year, what is your base (excludes benefits) teaching salary for the entire school year? $\mathbf{\$ 4 9 , 2 6 9}$ overall average base salary.
22. Please indicate whether you work a second job to supplement your teaching income.

23. Please indicate whether you took out student loans to help pay for your education. (If you choose No (you did not take out student loans) response, skip to question 25.):

Total Responding $=$ 5,103 teachers
Total Responding $=3,628$ teachers

24. Please indicate your level of stress regarding your student loan debt. Would you say your level of stress is? Total Responding $\mathbf{= 3 , 6 2 8}$ teachers

25. GENERAL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Career/Retirement

26. Please select the statement that best applies to your situation.
(If you choose "I'm not considering transferring" skip to question Q28.)

27. A Please RATE the importance of the following options as to why you are currently considering transferring to another school or school district.
Total Responding $=1,547$ teachers


Not Important ■Slightly Important ■Very Important ■Extremely Important
28. Do you work in a high poverty or remote rural community? (If yes, skip to question 30.)

29. Under what conditions, if any, would you be willing to relocate to teach at a school in a highpoverty or remote rural community?


Top 4 "Other" Responses: Student discipline/enforcement, different position, spouse job and location
30. Are you currently considering leaving the teaching profession? (If no, skip to question 32.)

31. Please RATE how the following options influence your current considerations for leaving the teaching profession? Total Responding $=\mathbf{1 , 6 8 8}$ teachers

$\square$ Extremely Important reason for leaving
$\square$ Slightly important reason for staying
ロN/A
QSlightly important reason for leaving
-Extremely important reason for staying
32. Which statement best describes how long you plan to remain in teaching?

33. How close are you to retirement?

34. CAREER/RETIREMENT - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Evaluation and Support

35. Do you believe that teachers in your school are evaluated fairly?

36. Do you believe that teachers in your school are evaluated consistently?

37. Specifically, in regard to TESS as an evaluation tool, please RATE the usefulness of TESS in doing the following:


Improving teaching in your school


Providing support to teachers

| $40 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Not Useful
םSomewhat Useful

- Very Useful
-Essential

38. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about TESS:

Online system is user friendly

| $19 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Process of compiling data and artifacts is easy

| $18 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


 TESS is objective

| $20 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $47 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

TESS is treated as a continuous quality improvement tool, rather than a compliance piece at my school

| $29 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $17 \%$ $23 \%$ $49 \%$ $11 \%$ |  |  |  |$.$

-Strongly disagree
$\square$ Somewhat disagree
■Somewhat agree
QStrongly agree
39. Please RATE the usefulness of the following options in terms of evaluating teachers' effectiveness:

40. DURING THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR, how often did you receive professional development provided by the following options:



Conferences or workshops $\quad$| $16 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |

District-provided PD NOT using Arkansas $5 \% \mid 11 \%$
IDEAS

| PD provided by educational cooperatives | $18 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |


41. Please RATE the usefulness of each form of professional development in terms of enhancing your teaching \& knowledge.


Collaboration with other educators/staff $1 \%$| $13 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


42. EVALUATION AND SUPPORT - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## School Safety

43. When you are at school, how often do you fear for your own physical safety?

44. Please RATE the extent to which you are concerned with the following safety issues.
Extremely concerned
45. Has a student from this school ever threatened to injure you?
(If No, skip to question 47.)

46. Has a student from this school threatened to injure you in the past 12 months?
(If yes, please enter how many times.)
Total Responding $=1,131$ teachers


Number of times in last 12 months a student has threatened to injure the teacher.
Total Responding = $\mathbf{6 4 4}$ teachers Note: $\mathbf{6 0 4}$ (94\%) responses are listed below. Additionally, there were 40 (6\%) other responses stating the frequency of students threatening to injure the teacher were weekly 18 ( $\mathbf{3 . 4 \%}$ ) and multiple $\mathbf{2 2}$ ( $2.7 \%$ ). These responses could not be categorized in the below chart.

47. Has a student from this school ever physically attacked you? No (If No, skip to question 49.)

48. Has a student from this school physically attacked you in the past 12 months? (If yes, please enter how many times.)

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\text { Total Responding }=597 \text { teachers }
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Number of times in last 12 months a student has physically attacked a teacher.
Total Responding = $\mathbf{3 4 7}$ teachers Note: $\mathbf{3 1 6} \mathbf{( 9 1 \% )}$ responses are listed below. Additionally, there were 31 ( $9 \%$ ) other responses stating the frequency of students physically attacking the teacher were weekly $\mathbf{1 3}$ (4\%) and multiple $\mathbf{1 8}$ ( $\mathbf{5 \%}$ ). These responses could not be categorized in the below chart.

49. SCHOOL SAFETY - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## School Facilities

50. How would you describe the physical condition of the school building(s) you teach in? (Please refer to the list in question 51 below to see factors considered in a conducive learning environment.) (If "All", skip to question 52.)

51. If you responded that most, some, or none of your school buildings create a conducive learning environment, please identify the types of building problems below.
(Please check all that apply.) Total Responding =3,003 teachers


Top "Other" Responses: Building is old/needs repairs; ceiling/roof leaks and mold present; pest control problems; restrooms are inadequate; cleanliness a problem; classrooms not adequate size for teaching; playground inadequate and is not safe and secure
52. SCHOOL FACILITIES - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Instructional Materials

53. Please check the option which most accurately describes who selects instructional materials in your courses/classes for each of the following:

54. Overall, how well do your instructional materials, whether print or digital, meet the learning needs of your students?

55. DURING THE 2022-23 school year, how much of your own money did you spend on classroom supplies, without reimbursement? (Please use your best estimate for costs incurred, in whole dollars. If none, please mark None.)

| Average: | $\mathbf{\$ 4 5 6}$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Range: | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0} \mathbf{- \$ 1 5 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Responses: | $\mathbf{4 , 4 5 9}$ |

56. Elementary (K-6) teachers only: Did your school/district provide you with money (or spending authority through purchase orders) to purchase instructional materials for your classroom?

NOTE: This response was optional. There were 4,470 responses 1,828 were not $K-6$ teachers, 2,554 are shown in the pie chart to the right and the remainder entered "I don't know (88).

57. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Technology and Digital Learning

58. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about how student learning is affected by the ways that education technology is used in the instructional program at this school.

| Helps students be more independent and selfdirected in their learning | 9\% | 18\% |  | 55\% | 18\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helps students engage in more active learning | 11\% | 21\% |  | 51\% | 17\% |
| Helps students learn at their own pace | 7\% | 17\% |  | 56\% | 20\% |
| Helps students learn collaboratively with peers | 15\% |  | 28\% | 45\% | 12\% |
| Helps students think critically | 18\% |  | 30\% | 42\% | 10\% |
| $\square$ Strongly disagree $\quad$ Somewhat disagree | $\square$ Somewhat agree $\quad$ Strongly agree |  |  |  |  |

59. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the use of educational technology in the instructional program at this school.

Competing priorities in the classroom adversely affect the use of educational technology


Teachers are interested in using technology in classroom instruction


Teachers are sufficiently trained in the mechanics of technology use


Teachers are sufficiently trained to integrate technology into classroom instruction


Technical support for educational technology is adequate

$\square$ Strongly disagree $\square$ Somewhat disagree $\square$ Somewhat agree $\square$ Strongly agree
60. Please indicate the extent to which each of the following is a challenge for teachers at this school in using educational technology for instruction.


Insufficient or inadequate support on how to use technology in the classroom


Lack of time for teachers to become familiar with new technologies and integrate them into their instruction


| Staying up to date with the technology | $30 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Teachers need to spend time helping students learn the basic skills needed to use computers effectively

The steep learning curve for teachers regarding educational technology

Not a challenge
$\square$ Small challenge


Moderate challenge $\quad \square$ Large challenge
61. During the 2022-23 school year, did you teach: (If classroom Only, skip to \#64)

62. In your OPINION how well do students learn in a virtual setting vs. classroom:
Total Responding $\mathbf{= 4 1 9}$ teachers
63. If you taught virtually during the 2022-23 school year, what kinds of real-time interactions, if any, did you have with your students at this school? (Please check all that apply.)

## Total Responding = 419 teachers

| I had No real-time interactions with students | 141 |
| :---: | :---: |
| I taught real-time lessons to classes through video or audio call. | 132 |
| I held sessions with groups of students to provide support through a video or audio call. | 103 |
| I held one-on-one sessions with individual students to teach or provide support through a video or audio call. | 126 |
| I held office hours where students could ask questions through a video or audio call. | 107 |
| I had unscheduled sessions with students as needed through a video or audio call. | 132 |

64. TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL LEARNING - Respondents were allowed to make comments about the preceding topic, some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.

## Comment

65. Overall - Respondents were allowed to make overall comments some of which will be used in relevant adequacy reports.
