

Reading and Mathematics Teacher Questionnaire

> 2011 Grade 4

TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE GRADE 4

During the 2010–2011 school year, a sample of students across the country, including some of your fourth-grade students, will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The current assessment focuses on achievement in reading and mathematics. To investigate the relationship between students' achievement and various school, teacher, and home factors, NAEP is also collecting information from schools and teachers.

This questionnaire collects information about teachers' backgrounds and instructional practices as they relate to students selected for the assessment. Since you teach reading or mathematics to one or more students selected for the assessment, you are being asked to answer questions about these students' classes.

Obviously, only you can provide this important information. So, although we realize that you are very busy, we urge you to complete this questionnaire as accurately as possible. The information you provide is being collected for research purposes only and will be kept strictly confidential.

NAEP is authorized under Public Law 107–110. While your participation is voluntary, your responses to these questions are needed to make this survey accurate and complete.

Instructions

This questionnaire contains three parts.

Part I – Background, Education, and Training Part II – Classroom Organization and Instruction–Reading

Part III - Classroom Organization and Instruction-Mathematics

You should complete parts I through III. Please record your answers online, following the instructions on the front cover. If you do not have Internet access, please answer questions directly on this questionnaire by filling in the appropriate ovals.

If you do answer questions directly on this questionnaire, please return the questionnaire to your school's NAEP coordinator when you are finished.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



Teacher Questionnaire – Grade 4

Part I: Background, Education, and Training

For some questions on this survey, you are asked to fill in numbers. For these questions, please print the appropriate number in each of the boxes provided. Please print legibly with a No. 2 pencil. Keep all printing within the boxes, and erase any stray marks.

Using one number per box, fill in every box. For example, 95 students would be written as:



- 1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Fill in one or more ovals.
 - No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
 - (B) Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
 - © Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
 - ^(D) Yes, I am Cuban or Cuban American.
 - © Yes, I am from some other Hispanic or Latino background.
- 2. Which of the following best describes you? Fill in one or more ovals.
 - (A) White
 - [®] Black or African American
 - © Asian

 - © Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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3. Counting this year, how many years have you worked as an elementary or secondary teacher? Include any full-time teaching assignments, part-time teaching assignments, and long-term substitute assignments, but not student teaching. If less than 4 months total experience, enter "00."

		Years
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4. Did you enter teaching through an alternative certification program?

(An alternative program is a program that was designed to expedite the transition of non-teachers to a teaching career, for example, a state, district, or university alternative certification program.)

(A) Yes

B No

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- 5. What type of teaching certificate do you hold in the state where you currently teach?
 - The Regular or standard state certificate or advanced professional certificate \rightarrow *Skip to Question 7.*
 - ^(B) Certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period \rightarrow *Go to Question 6.*
 - \bigcirc Certificate that requires some additional coursework, student teaching, or passage of a test before regular certification can be obtained \rightarrow *Go to Question 6.*
 - \square Certificate issued to persons who must complete a certification program in order to continue teaching \rightarrow *Go to Question 6.*
 - © I do not hold any of the above certificates in the state where I currently teach. → Go to Question 6.

- 6. Do you hold a currently valid regular or standard certification from a state other than the one in which you are currently teaching?
 - (A) Yes
 - B No

7. This school year, are you a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) according to your state's requirements?

(Generally, to be Highly Qualified, teachers must meet requirements related to 1) a bachelor's degree, 2) full state certification, and 3) demonstrate competency in the subject area(s) taught. The HQT requirement is a provision under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.)

- (A) Yes
- I meet my state's requirements for a Highly Qualified Teacher in at least one subject that I teach.
- © No

8. Are you certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in at least one content area?

(The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is a nongovernmental organization that administers National Board certification, a voluntary national assessment program that certifies teachers who meet high professional standards. In order to gain certification, the candidate must at least complete a portfolio of classroom practice and pass one or more tests of content knowledge.)

- Tes, I am fully certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- [®] I am working towards my National Board certification.
- © No

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- 9. What is the highest academic degree you hold?
 - High school diploma
 - Associate's degree/vocational certification
 - © Bachelor's degree
 - Master's degree
 - C Education specialist's or professional diploma based on at least one year's work past master's degree
 - Doctorate
 - © Professional degree (e.g., M.D., LL.B., J.D., D.D.S.)

10. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **undergraduate** coursework? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes, a major	Yes, a minor or special emphasis	No	
a. Mathematics education	A	₿	©	VB482657
b. Mathematics	A	®	Ô	VB482658
c. Engineering or engineering education	A	®	©	VC304764
d. Other mathematics-related subject such as statistics	A	ഀ	Ô	VB608497
e. Reading, language arts, or literacy education	A	ഀ	Ô	VB378391
f. English	A	₿	©	VB378392
g. Other language arts-related subject	A	®	©	VB378394
h. Education (including elementary or early childhood)	A	ഀ	Ô	VB482660
i. Special education (including students with disabilities)	A	ഀ	©	VE113515
j. English language learning	A	®	Ô	VE113516

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11. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **graduate** coursework? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Yes, a major	Yes, a minor or special emphasis	No	
a. Mathematics education	A	B	©	VB473837
b. Mathematics	A	®	Ô	VB473838
c. Engineering or engineering education	A	®	Ô	VC304761
d. Other mathematics-related subject such as statistics	A	ഀ	©	VB473839
e. Reading, language arts, or literacy education	A	ഀ	©	VB378395
f. English	A	B	©	VB378396
g. Other language arts-related subject	A	®	©	VB378398
h. Education (including elementary or early childhood)	A	ഀ	©	VB473840
i. Special education (including students with disabilities)	A	®	©	VE113560
j. English language learning	A	®	©	VE113562

12. Consider all of the professional development activities you participated in during the last **two years**. To what extent did you learn about each of the following topics? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. How students learn mathematics	A	B	©	Ø	VB543502
b. Mathematics theory or applications	A	B	©	Ø	VB543503
c. Content standards in mathematics	A	₿	Ô	O	VB543504
d. Curricular materials available in mathematics (units, texts)	A	B	©	0	VB543505
e. Instructional methods for teaching mathematics	A	₿	©	0	VB543506
f. Effective use of manipulatives in mathematics instruction	A	₿	©	0	VB519181
g. Effective use of calculators in mathematics instruction	A	B	©	0	VB543507
h. Use of computers or other technology in mathematics instruction	A	B	©	0	VB543508
i. Methods for assessing students in mathematics	A	B	©	0	VB543509
j. Preparation of students for district and state assessments	A	B	©	0	VB543510
k. Issues related to ability grouping in mathematics	A	B	©	0	VB543511
l. Strategies for teaching mathematics to students from diverse backgrounds (including English language learners)	A	B	©	D	VB543512

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13. Consider all of the professional development activities you participated in during the last **two years**. To what extent did you learn about each of the following topics? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. How students learn reading	A	ഀ	Ô	Ø	VC309912
b. Content standards in reading	A	B	Ô	D	VC309914
c. Curricular materials available in reading (units, texts)	A	B	©	Ø	VC309915
d. Instructional methods for teaching reading	A	₿	©	Ø	VC309917
e. Methods for assessing students in reading	A	B	O	Ø	VC309918
f. Preparation of students for district and state assessments	A	B	O	Ø	VC309920
g. Strategies for teaching reading to students from diverse backgrounds (including English language learners)	A	B	©	D	VC309921

14. During the last **two years**, did you participate in any of the following professional development activities **related to the teaching of language arts or mathematics**? Language arts refers to reading, writing, literature, and related topics. Fill in **one or more** ovals on each line.

	Yes, activities related to language arts	Yes, activities related to mathematics	No	
a. College course taken after your first certification	Ø	B	O	VE381776
b. Workshop or training session	Ø	B	O	VE381779
c. Conference or professional association meeting	Ø	B	O	VE381781
d. Observational visit to another school or classroom	Ø	B	O	VE381785
e. Mentoring and/or peer observation and coaching as part of a formal arrangement	۵	⑧	©	VE381786
f. Committee or task force focusing on curriculum, instruction, or student assessment	۵	ഀ	©	VE381788
g. Regularly scheduled discussion group or study group	Ø	₿	O	VE381790
h. Teacher collaborative or network, such as one organized by an outside agency or over the Internet	æ	₿	O	VE381791
i. Individual or collaborative research	A	B	Ô	VE381793
j. Independent reading on a regular basis—for example, educational journals, books, or the Internet	æ	₿	O	VE381795
k. Co-teaching/team teaching	A	®	Ô	VE381799
l. Consultation with a subject specialist	Ø	B	O	VE381800

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15. Did you lead any of the activities listed in the previous question (Question 14)?

- (A) Yes
- B No

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16. During the last **two years**, have you received training from any source in any of the following areas? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	No, I am already proficient.	No, I have not.	Yes	
a. Basic computer training		ഀ	Ô	VC191233
b. Software applications	A	B	Ô	VC191234
c. Use of the Internet	A	B	Ô	VC191235
d. Use of other technology—for example, satellite access, wireless Web, interactive video, closed-circuit television, videoconferencing	۵	B	Õ	VC191237
e. Integration of computers and other technology into classroom instruction	A	₿	©	VC191238

17. Do you have special leadership responsibilities for the following subjects at your school—for example, responsibilities as a mentor teacher, lead teacher, resource specialist, departmental chair, or master teacher?

	Yes	No	
a. Reading/language arts	A	®	VB556175
b. Mathematics	A	ഀ	VB556176

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18. During the last **two years**, have you participated in activities associated with school improvement efforts directed at issues such as adequate yearly progress and state accountability standards?

(A) Yes

B No
 No

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Part II: Classroom Organization and Instruction - Reading

The following questions ask about the organization of your classroom for reading or language arts instruction. Please think about the reading or language arts class that you teach when questioned about "reading," "language arts," or "reading/language arts." If you teach more than one fourth-grade class, please choose a single class to use as the basis for answering the questions about classroom organization.

If you do not teach reading, English, or language arts, please skip to Part III (mathematics).

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1. Which best describes your role in teaching reading/language arts to this class? Language arts refers to reading, writing, literature, and related topics. Fill in **one** oval.

[®] I teach all or most subjects, including reading/language arts.

© The only subject I teach is reading/language arts.

• We team teach, and I have primary responsibility for teaching reading/language arts.

- 2. How many students are in this class?

 - **B** 16–18
 - © 19-20
 - **D** 21-25
 - © 26 or more

- 3. About how much time in total do you spend with this class on language arts instruction in a typical week? Language arts refers to reading, writing, literature, and related topics.
 - Tess than 3 hours
 - **B** 3–4.9 hours
 - © 5-6.9 hours
 - © 7–9.9 hours
 - © 10 or more hours

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- 4. Which best describes how language arts instruction is organized? Language arts refers to reading, writing, literature, and related topics. Fill in **one** oval.
 - Language arts is taught primarily as a discrete subject with little or no integration with instruction in other subjects.
 - [®] Some language arts instruction is integrated with other subjects, and some language arts instruction is presented as a discrete subject.
 - © Language arts lessons are primarily integrated with instruction in other subjects.

5. To what extent have you provided instruction in the following in reading/language arts class so far this year? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Fiction	\bigcirc	®	Ô	\odot	VC976465
b. Literary nonfiction	A	®	Ô	\odot	VC976466
c. Poetry	A	®	Ô	\odot	VC976468
d. Exposition	A	®	Ô	\odot	VC976469
e. Argumentation and persuasion	A	®	Ô	D	VC976470
f. Procedural texts and documents	\bigcirc	®	Ô	D	VC976471

6. When reading a story with your students, how often do you ask your students to do the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Summarize the passage		B	Ô	\bigcirc	VC976480
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	\bigcirc	B	Ô	D	VC976481
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	A	B	©	D	VC976482
d. Identify the main themes of the passage	A	B	©	D	VC976484
e. Relate the passage, its characters, and/or its themes to their own lives		B	©	D	VC976485

7. How often do you do the following things as part of reading instruction with this class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Almost every day	
a. Ask students to read aloud	A	B	Ô	\odot	VB608500
b. Ask students to write about something they have read	A	B	O	0	VB608582
c. Give students time to read books they have chosen themselves	A	B	O	0	VB608585
d. Ask students to do a group activity or project about what they have read	A	B	©	Ø	VB608586
e. Ask students to explain or support their understanding of what they have read	A	B	Ø	Ø	VB608588
f. Watch movies, videos; or listen to tapes, compact discs	A	B	O	0	VC764960
g. Ask students to make predictions about what they read as they are reading it	Ø	B	Ø	Ø	VB608592
h. Ask students to work in a reading workbook or worksheet	A	B	©	Ø	VB608583
i. Help students understand new words	A	B	Ô	Ø	VB608590

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8. To what extent have you emphasized the following cognitive processes when reading informational and literary texts in class? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Locate/Recall	$\textcircled{\ }$	®	Ô	\odot	VC310623
b. Integrate/Interpret	\bigcirc	®	Ô	O	VC310625
c. Critique/Evaluate	\bigcirc	B	©	O	VC310627

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- 9. Are computers available for use by you or your students for reading/language arts instruction?
 - Tes, computers are available to my students and to me.
 - (Yes, I have access to computers, but my students do not.
 - © No, neither my students nor I have access to computers at school.
- 10. In your fourth-grade reading/language arts class this year, how often do your students use a computer or other technological resources to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Build and practice vocabulary	\bigcirc	B	Ô	O	VC976534
b. Increase reading fluency and comprehension	A	B	Ô	0	VC976535
c. Practice spelling and grammar	$\textcircled{\below}{\below}$	B	©	O	VC976536
d. Access reading-related websites (for example, websites with lists of recommended books)	æ	B	Ø	۵	VC976539
e. Conduct research for reading projects	\bigcirc	B	Õ	\odot	VC976540

- 11. Which of the following statements best describes how well your school system provides you with the materials and other resources you need for reading/language arts instruction?
 - $\textcircled{\sc opt}$ I do not have the resources I need.
 - [®] I have some of the resources I need.
 - © I have most of the resources I need.
 - ◎ I have all of the resources I need.
- 12. When you teach reading/language arts to your fourth-grade class, do you do any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Use a different set of methods in teaching some students	A	B	O	\odot	VC976545
b. Supplement the regular course curriculum with additional material for some students	æ	®	Ø	Ø	VC976546
c. Pace my teaching differently for some students	\bigcirc	®	©	Ø	VC976547
d. Have some students engage in different classroom activities	A	®	O	Ø	VC976548
e. Set different achievement standards for some students	A	₿	©	Ø	VC976549

13. How often do you do each of the following with individual students to evaluate their progress in reading/language arts? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Discuss the student's current level of performance	Ø	®	©	Ø	Ē	VC976552
b. Set goals for specific progress the student would like to make	A	B	Ô	Ø	Ð	VC976553
c. Discuss progress the student has made toward goals previously set	A	B	Ô	Ø	Ð	VC976554
d. Determine how to adjust your teaching strategies to meet the student's current learning needs and to reflect the student's future goals	A	B	©	D	¢	VC976555

Part III: Classroom Organization and Instruction – Mathematics

The following questions ask about the organization of your classroom for mathematics instruction. If you teach more than one fourth-grade class, please choose a single class to use as the basis for answering the questions about classroom organization.

If you do not teach mathematics, you have finished the survey. Thank you for your time.

- 1. Which best describes your role in teaching mathematics to this class?
 - I do not teach mathematics to this class.
 - [®] I teach all or most subjects, including mathematics.
 - © The only subject I teach is mathematics.
 - ^(D) We team teach, and I have primary responsibility for teaching mathematics.

2. How many students are in this class?

- **B** 16–18

- © 19–20
- © 21–25
- © 26 or more

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- 3. How many hours of mathematics instruction do your students receive in a typical week?

 - (D) At least 3 hours, but less than 5 hours
 - © At least 5 hours, but less than 7 hours
 - ^(D) 7 or more hours
- 4. Are students assigned to this class by ability?
 - (A) Yes
 - [®] No
- 5. Do you create groups within this class for mathematics instruction on the basis of ability?
 - (A) Yes
 - B No

6. How often do you use each of the following to assess student progress in mathematics? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	
a. Multiple-choice tests	A	B	Ô	\odot	HE001131
b. Problem sets	A	®	©	\odot	HE001132
c. Short (e.g., a phrase or sentence) or long (e.g., several sentences or paragraphs) written responses	A	B	O	Ø	HE001133
d. Individual or group projects or presentations	A	B	Ô	Ø	HE001134

- 7. Approximately how much mathematics homework do you assign to students in this class each day?
 - None
 None

- [®] 15 minutes
- © 30 minutes
- \bigcirc 45 minutes
- One hour
- More than one hour



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- 8. To what extent are students permitted to use calculators during mathematics lessons?
 - Unrestricted use
 - Restricted use
 - © Calculators are not permitted
- 9. What kind of calculator do your students usually use during mathematics lessons?
 - (None
 - (B) Basic four-function (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)
 - © Scientific (not graphing)
 - (D) Graphing

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10. When you give students a mathematics test or quiz, how often do they use a calculator?

- Never
- Sometimes
- © Always

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11. How often do your students use calculators for each of the following purposes? Fill in **one**

	Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Work along with the whole class on lessons led by you	A	₿	O	O	VC976192
b. "Check their work" on problems they do on their own	A	₿	Ô	Ø	VC976193
c. Calculate the answers to problems they do on their own	A	B	O	Ø	VC976194

12. Think about your plans for this mathematics class for the entire year. How much emphasis did you or will you give each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Little or no emphasis	Moderate emphasis	Heavy emphasis	
a. Numbers and operations	A	B	Ô	ID110366
b. Measurement	$\textcircled{\ }$	B	Ô	ID110367
c. Geometry	A	B	Ô	ID110368
d. Data analysis, statistics, and probability (informal introduction of concepts)	۵	B	©	ID110369
e. Algebra and functions (informal introduction of concepts)	f 🐼	®	Ô	ID110370

oval on each line.

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- 13. Are computers available for use by you or your students?
 - Tes, computers are available to my students and to me.
 - (Yes, I have access to computers, but my students do not.
 - © No, neither my students nor I have access to computers at school.

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14. In your fourth-grade mathematics class this year, how often do your students use a computer or other technological resources to do each of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

		Never or hardly ever	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a.	Practice or review mathematics topics on the computer	Ø	B	O	0	VC976199
b.	Extend mathematics learning with enrichment activities on the computer	A	®	Ø	Ø	VC976201
c.	Research a mathematics topic on the Internet or CD-ROM	A	B	Ô	Ø	VC976202
d.	Use a drawing program for geometric shapes	A	B	Ô	Ø	VC976206
e.	Play mathematics computer games	\bigcirc	®	©	Ø	VC976210
f.	Use a basic four-function calculator (addition, subtraction,	\bigcirc	B	©	0	VC976211

multiplication, division)

- 15. Which of the following statements best describes how well your school system provides you with the materials and other resources you need for mathematics instruction?

 - [®] I have some of the resources I need.
 - © I have most of the resources I need.
 - ◎ I have all of the resources I need.

16. When you teach mathematics to your fourth-grade class, do you do any of the following? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Set different achievement standards for some students	A	B	Õ	Ø	VC976297
b. Supplement the regular course curriculum with additional material for some students	æ	₿	Ø	Ø	VC976298
c. Have some students engage in different classroom activities	A	B	O	Ø	VC976299
d. Use a different set of methods in teaching some students	A	B	O	Ø	VC976300
e. Pace my teaching differently for some students	A	B	©	Ø	VC976301

17. How often do you do each of the following with individual students to evaluate their progress in mathematics? Fill in **one** oval on each line.

	Never or hardly ever	A few times a year	Once or twice a month	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	
a. Discuss the student's current level of performance	A	®	©	Ø	Ē	VC976304
b. Set goals for specific progress the student would like to make	A	®	O	Ø	Ē	VC976305
c. Discuss progress the student has made toward goals previously set	Ø	®	O	Ø	¢	VC976306
d. Determine how to adjust your teaching strategies to meet the student's current learning needs and to reflect the student's future goals	A	B	C	D	¢	VC976307