



Science School Questionnaire

2024
Grade 8

1. What grades are taught in your school? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ (A) Pre-kindergarten
- ☐ (B) Kindergarten
- ☐ (C) 1st grade
- ☐ (D) 2nd grade
- ☐ (E) 3rd grade
- ☐ (F) 4th grade
- ☐ (G) 5th grade
- ☐ (H) 6th grade
- ☐ (I) 7th grade
- ☐ (J) 8th grade
- ☐ (K) 9th grade
- ☐ (L) 10th grade
- ☐ (M) 11th grade
- ☐ (N) 12th grade

2. Can your school be described by any of the following? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ (A) Elementary school
- ☐ (B) Middle or junior high school
- ☐ (C) Secondary school
- ☐ (D) Regular school with a magnet program
- ☐ (E) A magnet school or a school with a special program emphasis, e.g., science/mathematics school, performing arts school, talented/gifted school, foreign language immersion school
- ☐ (F) Special education school: primarily serves students with disabilities
- ☐ (G) Alternative school: offers a curriculum designed to provide alternative or nontraditional education, not clearly categorized as regular, special, or vocational education
- ☐ (H) Private independent school
- ☐ (I) Private religiously affiliated school
- ☐ (J) Independent charter school
- ☐ (K) Charter school administered by local school district

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3. Please identify the organization(s) listed below to which your school is most closely affiliated. Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ A American Association of Christian Schools
- ☐ B Association of Christian Schools International
- ☐ C Christian Schools International
- ☐ D National Association of Episcopal Schools
- ☐ E National Association of Independent Schools
- ☐ F National Catholic Educational Association
- ☐ G National Society of Hebrew Day Schools
- ☐ H The Association of Boarding Schools
- ☐ I Not affiliated with any organization

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4. What is the current enrollment in your school?

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5. Of the students currently enrolled in your school, what percentage has been identified as limited-English proficient?

- ☐ A 0%
- ☐ B 1–5%
- ☐ C 6–10%
- ☐ D 11–25%
- ☐ E 26–50%
- ☐ F 51–75%
- ☐ G 76–90%
- ☐ H Over 90%

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6. Approximately what percentage of eighth-graders in your school is new this year?

%

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7. About what percentage of this year's eighth-graders was held back and is repeating eighth grade?

- Ⓐ 0%
- Ⓑ 1–2%
- Ⓒ 3–5%
- Ⓓ 6–10%
- Ⓔ More than 10%

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8. Last school year, approximately what percentage of students at your school enrolled after the first day of school?

- Ⓐ 0%
- Ⓑ 1–3%
- Ⓒ 4–6%
- Ⓓ 7–10%
- Ⓔ 11–20%
- Ⓕ Over 20%

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9. Last school year, approximately what percentage of students at your school left before the end of the school year?

- ☐ A 0%
- ☐ B 1–3%
- ☐ C 4–6%
- ☐ D 7–10%
- ☐ E 11–20%
- ☐ F Over 20%

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10. About what percentage of your teachers is absent on an average day? (Include all absences in calculating this rate.)

- ☐ A 0–2%
- ☐ B 3–5%
- ☐ C 6–10%
- ☐ D More than 10%

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11. Does your school participate in the National School Lunch Program?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

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12. How does the school operate the program?

- ☐ A Student eligibility is determined individually, and eligible students receive free or reduced-price lunch.
- ☐ B All students in school receive free lunch under special provisions (e.g., Provision 2 or 3).

13. During this school year, about what percentage of students in your school was eligible to receive a free or reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program?

- ☐ Ⓐ 0%
- ☐ Ⓑ 1–5%
- ☐ Ⓒ 6–10%
- ☐ Ⓓ 11–25%
- ☐ Ⓔ 26–34%
- ☐ Ⓕ 35–50%
- ☐ Ⓖ 51–75%
- ☐ Ⓗ 76–99%
- ☐ Ⓘ 100%

14. Does your school receive Title I funding? (Title I is a federally funded program that provides educational services, such as remedial reading or remedial math, to children who live in areas with high concentrations of low-income families.)

- ☐ Ⓐ No
- ☐ Ⓑ Yes, our school receives funds, which are targeted to eligible students.
- ☐ Ⓒ Yes, our school receives funds, which are used for schoolwide purposes.

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15. Approximately what percentage of students in your school receives the following services? Select **one** circle in each row. Students who receive more than one service should be counted for each service they receive. Please report the percentage of students who receive each of the following services as of the day you respond to this questionnaire.

	None	1–5%	6–10%	11–25%	26–50%	51–75%	76–90%	Over 90%	
a. Targeted Title I services	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241931
b. Gifted and talented program	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241922
c. English-as-a-second-language (not in a bilingual education program)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241924
d. Special education	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241925

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16. During a typical week of school, what is the total number of regularly scheduled volunteers, including parents, working in the school? Include only volunteers physically in the school building.

- (A) 0
 (B) 1–5
 (C) 6–10
 (D) 11–15
 (E) 16–25
 (F) More than 25

17. Approximately what percentage of students in your school have parents or guardians who do each of the following activities? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not applicable	0–10%	11–25%	26–50%	Over 50%	
a. Volunteer regularly to help in the classroom or another part of the school (Include only volunteers physically in the school building.)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241940
b. Attend teacher–parent conferences	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241939

18. For all teacher counts entered in this item:

INCLUDE these types of teachers:

- *Regular*
- *Special area or resource teachers (e.g., special education, Title I, art, music, physical education)*
- *Long-term substitute teachers*

INCLUDE these types of teachers:

- *Itinerant teachers who teach part-time at this school*
- *Employees reported in other items of this section if they also have a part-time teaching assignment at this school*

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- *Student teachers*
- *Short-term substitute teachers*
- *Teachers who teach ONLY pre-kindergarten or adult education*

Around the first of October, how many TEACHERS held full-time or part-time positions or assignments in this school? *If none, mark (0) in the boxes.*

_____ Full-time teachers

_____ Part-time teachers

19. Does your school, district, or diocese offer tenure to teachers?

- ☐ A Yes
- ☐ B No

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20. In this school year, which of the following types of computers or other digital devices are available in your school or distributed by the school for student use? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ (A) Desktop computers
- ☐ (B) Laptop computers (including Chromebooks)
- ☐ (C) Tablets (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire)

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21. What is the average age of the **desktop computers** in your school?

- ☐ (A) Up to 2 years old
- ☐ (B) More than 2 years but less than 4 years old
- ☐ (C) More than 4 years but less than 6 years old
- ☐ (D) 6 years old or more
- ☐ (E) I don't know.

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22. In your school, where are **desktop computers** available for students to work? Select **all** squares that apply.

- ☐ (A) In some classrooms
- ☐ (B) In all classrooms
- ☐ (C) In a media center
- ☐ (D) In a computer lab
- ☐ (E) In the school library
- ☐ (F) The school distributed desktop computers to students doing distance learning.

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23. What is the total number of **laptop computers** (including Chromebooks) available for students in your school? Enter the number of laptop computers.

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24. What is the average age of the **laptop computers** (including Chromebooks) in your school?

- Ⓐ Up to 2 years old
- Ⓑ More than 2 years but less than 4 years old
- Ⓒ More than 4 years but less than 6 years old
- Ⓓ 6 years old or more
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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25. In your school, where are **laptop computers** (including Chromebooks) available for students to work? Select **all** squares that apply.

- Ⓐ In some classrooms
- Ⓑ In all classrooms
- Ⓒ In a media center
- Ⓓ In a computer lab
- Ⓔ In the school library
- Ⓕ On mobile carts
- Ⓖ The school distributed laptop computers to students doing distance learning.

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26. What is the total number of **tablets** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) available for students in your school? Enter the number of tablets.

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27. What is the average age of the **tablets** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) in your school?

- Ⓐ Up to 2 years old
- Ⓑ More than 2 years but less than 4 years old
- Ⓒ More than 4 years but less than 6 years old
- Ⓓ 6 years old or more
- Ⓔ I don't know.

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28. In your school, where are **tablets** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) available for students to work? Select **all** squares that apply.

- Ⓐ In some classrooms
- Ⓑ In all classrooms
- Ⓒ In a media center
- Ⓓ In a computer lab
- Ⓔ In the school library
- Ⓕ On mobile carts
- Ⓖ The school distributed tablets to students doing distance learning.

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29. In your school, is there a wireless Internet connection that students can use for schoolwork?

- Ⓐ Yes, everywhere or almost everywhere in the school.
- Ⓑ Yes, in some areas of the school.
- Ⓒ No

1. In addition to their regular classroom teacher, are there any **additional** full- or part-time science staff (e.g., a science specialist, science lead teacher, science supervisor, or science department head) **available to eighth-grade students** at your school?

- ☐ A Yes, available full-time to eighth-grade students
- ☐ B Yes, available part-time to eighth-grade students
- ☐ C No

2. To what extent is each of the following a responsibility of the **additional** science staff **available to eighth-grade students** at your school? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Provide science course-related support, remediation, or intervention to individual students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241371
b. Provide science course-related support, remediation, or intervention to groups of students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241372
c. Provide science enrichment to individual students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241373
d. Provide science enrichment to groups of students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241374

3. Are there any **additional** full- or part-time science staff (e.g., a science coach, science lead teacher, science supervisor, or science department head) **available to eighth-grade teachers** at your school?

- Ⓐ Yes, available full-time to eighth-grade teachers
 Ⓑ Yes, available part-time to eighth-grade teachers
 Ⓒ No

4. To what extent is each of the following a responsibility of the **additional** science staff **available to eighth-grade teachers** at your school? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Provide support/assistance with science content or the teaching of science to individual teachers	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241376
b. Provide technical support/assistance with lab equipment to individual teachers	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH640268
c. Conduct professional development about science or the teaching of science for groups of teachers	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241377

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5. To what extent is your school's science program structured according to the following resources? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. District curriculum standards or curriculum guides	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241307
b. State curriculum standards or frameworks	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241306
c. In-school curriculum frameworks and standards for learning	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241309
d. Recommendations from school science department	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241311

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6. To what extent do your school's eighth-grade science curricula focus on preparation for the following types of assessments? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. State assessments	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241383
b. District assessments	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH241382
c. School assessments (e.g., quizzes or tests created by teachers)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH643937

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7. To what extent does your school provide up-to-date technology resources for science teaching and learning?

- ☐ A Not at all
☐ B Small extent
☐ C Moderate extent
☐ D Large extent

8. Does your school have laboratory facilities for eighth-grade science instruction?

- Ⓐ Yes
Ⓑ No

9. To what extent do your school's science laboratories that are available for eighth-grade instruction have the following features? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Demonstration stations	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241385
b. Internet connection	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241389
c. Student lab stations	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241386
d. Storage areas for chemicals and other supplies	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241387
e. Electricity (e.g., power outlets for using lab equipment)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241388
f. Running water	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241394
g. Gas for burners	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241390
h. Hoods or air hoses	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241391
i. Safety equipment (e.g., goggles, fire extinguishers, or eye wash stations)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241392
j. Computers and other digital devices	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH241393

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- 10.** In this school year, are any of the following types of science clubs offered to eighth-grade students in your school? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Teacher volunteered (initiated and run by individual teachers)	(A)	(B)	VH241447
b. School sponsored (initiated by school and run by school designated personnel)	(A)	(B)	VH241449
c. Partnered with external agencies (e.g., universities, science museums, or companies)	(A)	(B)	VH241448

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- 11.** To what extent does your school provide eighth-grade students with the following learning experiences? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	1–2 times per year	3 or more times per year	
a. Science fairs	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241452
b. Science competitions	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241453
c. Science-related field trips (e.g., museums, zoos, aquariums, science centers, or other similar sites)	(A)	(B)	(C)	VH241454

VH240223

1. Is your school a public **charter school?**

(A charter school is a public school that, in accordance with an enabling state statute, has been granted a charter exempting it from selected state or local rules and regulations. A charter school may be a newly created school, or it may previously have been a public or private school.)

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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2. In which year did your school start providing instruction as a charter school?

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3. Who granted your school's current charter?

- Ⓐ School district
- Ⓑ State board of education (includes state board of regents and District of Columbia State Board of Education)
- Ⓒ Postsecondary institution
- Ⓓ State charter-granting agency
- Ⓔ City or state public charter school board

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4. What is the legal status of your school?

- Ⓐ Officially part of the school district or local education agency (LEA)
- Ⓑ Independent from the school district or local education agency (LEA)
- Ⓒ A separate local education agency (LEA) as stipulated by state law

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5. Is this school operated by a company or organization that also operates other charter schools?

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No

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6. Which one of the following best describes your charter school's **primary** focus in terms of program content?

- Ⓐ We have a comprehensive curriculum with no specialized area of focus.
- Ⓑ We have a special curricular focus, for example, the arts, math/science, foreign language immersion.
- Ⓒ Our curriculum is based on a particular educational theory, for example, Montessori, open school, Core Knowledge.
- Ⓓ Our curriculum is based on a particular moral philosophy or set of values, for example, African-centered education, character-based education, Eastern philosophy.

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7. Does your school provide a written contract for parents?

- Ⓐ Yes, and parents are required to abide by it.
- Ⓑ Yes, but signing it is voluntary.
- Ⓒ No

8. Are the following elements addressed in your charter-parent contract? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. Dress code	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241947
b. Home learning environment	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241951
c. Homework	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241946
d. Parent-teacher communication	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241953
e. Parent volunteering	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241952
f. School discipline policy	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241948
g. Student attendance	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241945
h. Student promotion policy	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241950