



School Characteristics and Policy Questionnaire

**2018
Grade 8
(Pilot)**

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This section should be completed by the principal or the head of the school.

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1. What is your sex?

- ☐ Ⓐ Male
- ☐ Ⓑ Female

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

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

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3. 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
- ☐ L Other (Please specify): _____

4. 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 Other (Please specify): _____
- ☐ J Not affiliated with any organization

VH253912

5. What is the current enrollment in your school?

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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%

VH240208

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

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

VH240209

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

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

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11. About what percentage of your students is absent on an average day? (Include excused and unexcused absences in calculating this rate.)

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

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

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

VH240215

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

- Ⓐ Yes
- Ⓑ No → Questions 14–16 are not applicable and will be skipped.

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14. How does the school operate the program?

- Ⓐ Student eligibility is determined individually, and eligible students receive free or reduced-price lunch. → Question 15 is not applicable and will be skipped.
- Ⓑ All students in school receive free lunch under special provisions (e.g., Provision 2 or 3).

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15. If your school distributes free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3, what was the **base year** during which individual student eligibility was collected?

- Ⓐ This school does not distribute free lunch to all students under Provision 2 or 3—eligibility is determined annually.
- Ⓑ 2017
- Ⓒ 2016
- Ⓓ 2015
- Ⓔ 2014
- Ⓕ 2013
- Ⓖ 2012 or earlier

16. 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%

17. 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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18. 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. Instruction provided in student's home language (non-English)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241923
d. English-as-a-second-language (not in a bilingual education program)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241924
e. Special education	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	VH241925

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19. During a typical week of school, what is the total number of regularly scheduled volunteers, including parents, working in the school?

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

20. 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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241940
b. Attend teacher–parent conferences	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH241939

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

21. 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.*

a. Full-time

_____ Full-time teachers

b. Part-time

_____ Part-time teachers

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

☐ A Yes

☐ B No → Question 23 is not applicable and will be skipped.

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23. Of the following categories of teachers who were full-time teachers at your school at the end of the last school year, what percentage stayed on as full-time teachers for this school year? Select **one** circle in each row.

	0–10%	11–25%	26–50%	51–75%	76–90%	Over 90%	
a. Non-tenured teachers who had taught for at least one year	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH241943
b. Tenured teachers	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH241942

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24. In the last school year, how many full-time teachers were new to your school?

If you answered 0, → Question 25 is not applicable and will be skipped.

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25. Of the full-time teachers who were new to your school last year, what percentage stayed on as full-time teachers for this school year?

☐ A 0–10%

☐ B 11–25%

☐ C 26–50%

☐ D 51–75%

☐ E 76–90%

☐ F Over 90%

26. In this school year, which of the following types of computers or other digital devices are available in your school for student use? Select **all** squares that apply.
- ☐ A Desktop computers → *If not selected, questions 27–28 are not applicable and will be skipped.*
 - ☐ B Laptop computers (including Chromebooks) → *If not selected, questions 29–31 are not applicable and will be skipped.*
 - ☐ C Tablets (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) → *If not selected, questions 32–34 are not applicable and will be skipped.*
 - ☐ D Other digital devices (Please specify): _____

27. 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.

28. 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 Other (Please specify): _____

VH587118

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

If you answered 0, → Questions 30 and 31 are not applicable and will be skipped.

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30. 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.

VH587122

31. 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
- Ⓖ Other (Please specify): _____

VH311502

32. 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.

If you answered 0, → Questions 33 and 34 are not applicable and will be skipped.

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33. 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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34. 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
- Ⓖ Other (Please specify): _____

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

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

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36. This school year, did your school offer technical support to teachers for **computers** and **tablets** used in this school?

- ☐ A Yes, we are partnering with a provider outside the school.
- ☐ B Yes, we have technical support staff in the school.
- ☐ C No

VH311409

37. How often do teachers do the following in this school? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never	About once or twice a year	About once or twice a month	About once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day	Several times a day	
a. Teach jointly as a team in the same class	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH311410
b. Observe other teachers' classes and provide feedback	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH311411
c. Engage in discussions about the learning development of specific students	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH311414
d. Work with other teachers during common planning times to ensure common standards in evaluations for assessing student progress	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	<input type="radio"/> F	VH311415