



Reading Teacher Questionnaire

**2017
Grade 4
(Pilot)**

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1. Are you Hispanic or Latino? Select **all** squares that apply.
- Ⓐ No, I am not Hispanic or Latino.
 - Ⓑ Yes, I am Mexican, Mexican American, or Chicano.
 - Ⓒ Yes, I am Puerto Rican or Puerto Rican American.
 - Ⓓ 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? Select **all** squares that apply.
- Ⓐ White
 - Ⓑ Black or African American
 - Ⓒ Asian
 - Ⓓ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Ⓔ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

3. Excluding student teaching, how many years have you worked as an elementary or secondary teacher, counting this year?
- Ⓐ Less than 1 year
 - Ⓑ 1–2 years
 - Ⓒ 3–5 years
 - Ⓓ 6–10 years
 - Ⓔ 11–20 years
 - Ⓕ 21 or more years

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4. Have you been awarded tenure by the school or district where you currently teach?

- A Yes
- B No
- C My school or district does not award tenure.

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5. Do you hold a regular or standard certificate that is valid in the state in which you are currently teaching?

- A Yes, I hold a permanent certificate.
- B Yes, I hold a temporary certificate. (This type of certificate may require additional coursework, student teaching, etc.)
- C No, but I am currently working toward certification.
- D No, and I am not planning to obtain certification.

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6. Did you enter teaching through an alternative route to certification program?

(An alternative route to certification 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 route to certification program.)

- A Yes
- B No

7. 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.)

- Ⓐ Yes, I am fully certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- Ⓑ I am working towards my National Board certification.
- Ⓒ No

8. What is the highest academic degree you hold?

- Ⓐ High school diploma
- Ⓑ Associate's degree/vocational certification
- Ⓒ Bachelor's degree
- Ⓓ Master's degree
- Ⓔ 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.)

9. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **undergraduate** coursework? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes, a major	Yes, a minor or special emphasis	No	
a. Reading, language arts, or literacy education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241758
b. English	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241754
c. Other language arts-related subject	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241784
d. Mathematics education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241760
e. Mathematics	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241761
f. Other mathematics-related subject such as statistics	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241776
g. Education (including elementary or early childhood)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241762
h. Special education (including students with disabilities)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241781
i. English language learning	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241782

10. Since completing your undergraduate degree, have you taken any graduate courses?

- A Yes
- B No *Question 11 is not applicable and will be skipped.*

11. Did you have a major, minor, or special emphasis in any of the following subjects as part of your **graduate** coursework? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes, a major	Yes, a minor or special emphasis	No	
a. Reading, language arts, or literacy education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241791
b. English	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241789
c. Other language arts-related subject	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241810
d. Mathematics education	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241792
e. Mathematics	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241793
f. Other mathematics-related subject such as statistics	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241794
g. Education (including elementary or early childhood)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241795
h. Special education (including students with disabilities)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241807
i. English language learning	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241808

12. During the last **two years**, did you participate in or lead any of the following professional development activities **related to the teaching of reading, writing, or literature**? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. College course taken after your first certification	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241843
b. Workshop or training session	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241844
c. Mentoring and/or peer observation and coaching as part of a formal arrangement	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241847
d. Co-teaching/team teaching	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241853

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13. During the last **two years**, did you participate in or lead any of the following professional development activities **related to the teaching of mathematics**? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Yes	No	
a. College course taken after your first certification	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241900
b. Workshop or training session	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241901
c. Mentoring and/or peer observation and coaching as part of a formal arrangement	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241904
d. Co-teaching/team teaching	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	VH241910

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14. During the last **two years**, have you received training from any source in any of the following areas? Select **one** circle in each row.

	No, I am already proficient.	No, I have not.	Yes	
a. Basic computer training	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241894
b. Software applications	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241895
c. Use of the Internet	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241898
d. Use of other technology—for example, satellite access, wireless Web, interactive video, closed-circuit television, videoconferencing	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241897
e. Integration of computers and other technology into classroom instruction	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH241896

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15. In this school year, did your school offer training for teachers on how to use computers or other digital devices?

- A Yes, to all teachers
- B Yes, to some teachers
- C No

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16. In this school year, have you participated in training on computers or other digital devices through your school?

- A No
- B Once
- C Twice
- D Several times

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17. In this school year, did your school provide you with a **laptop computer** (including Chromebooks) to use for teaching and class preparation?

- A Yes, and I can take it home.
- B Yes, but I cannot take it home.
- C No

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18. In this school year, did your school provide you with a **tablet** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) to use for teaching and class preparation?

- A Yes, and I can take it home.
- B Yes, but I cannot take it home.
- C No

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19. 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
- B Laptop computers (including Chromebooks)
- C Tablets (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire)
- D Other digital devices (Please specify): _____

20. How well do the **desktop computers** in your school work?

- Ⓐ All computers are functional and operate quickly.
- Ⓑ All computers are functional, but some run more slowly than others.
- Ⓒ All computers are functional, but all or almost all run slowly.
- Ⓓ Some of the computers do not operate and cannot be used.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

21. How well do the **laptop computers** (including Chromebooks) in your school work?

- Ⓐ All computers are functional and operate quickly.
- Ⓑ All computers are functional, but some run more slowly than others.
- Ⓒ All computers are functional, but all or almost all run slowly.
- Ⓓ Some of the computers do not operate and cannot be used.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

22. How well do the **tablets** (for example, Surface Pro, iPad, Kindle Fire) in your school work?

- Ⓐ All tablets are functional and operate quickly.
- Ⓑ All tablets are functional, but some run more slowly than others.
- Ⓒ All tablets are functional, but all or almost all run slowly.
- Ⓓ Some of the tablets do not operate and cannot be used.
- Ⓔ I don't know.

23. How often do you 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	
a. Teach jointly as a team in the same class	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH304693
b. Observe other teachers' classes and provide feedback	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH304698
c. Engage in discussions about the learning development of specific students	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH304736
d. Work with other teachers in my school to ensure common standards in evaluations for assessing student progress	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH304740

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24. In your school, how severe is each problem? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not a problem	Minor problem	Moderate problem	Serious problem	
a. The school building needs significant repair.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH262653
b. Classrooms are overcrowded.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH262654
c. Teachers have too many teaching hours.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH262655
d. Teachers do not have adequate workspace (e.g., for preparation, collaboration, or meeting with students).	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH262656
e. Teachers do not have adequate instructional materials and supplies.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	VH262657

25. How much does each of the following statements apply to you as a teacher? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all like me	A little bit like me	Somewhat like me	Quite a bit like me	Exactly like me	
a. I am satisfied with being a teacher at this school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH305016
b. My work inspires me.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH305024
c. I am frustrated as a teacher at my school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH305032
d. I am supported by the teachers at my school.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH305033

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26. Whether a student does well or poorly in school may depend on a lot of different things. You may feel that some of these things are easier for your students to change than others. In school, how possible is it for your students to change each of the following? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all possible to change	A little possible to change	Somewhat possible to change	Quite possible to change	Completely possible to change	
a. Being intelligent	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329967
b. Putting forth a lot of effort	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329968
c. Behaving well in class	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH329970

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The following questions ask about the organization of your classroom for reading, English, or language arts instruction. Please think about the reading, English, or language arts class that you teach when questioned about “reading,” “language arts,” “English,” or “English/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.

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

- Ⓐ I do not teach English/language arts to this class. *Questions 2–11 are not applicable and will be skipped.*
- Ⓑ I teach all or most subjects, including English/language arts.
- Ⓒ The only subject I teach is English/language arts.
- Ⓓ We team teach, and I have primary responsibility for teaching English/language arts.

2. How many students are in this class? Enter the number of students.

3. In a typical week, about how much time in total do you spend with this class on English/language arts instruction? Language arts refers to reading, writing, literature, and related topics. Enter the hours and minutes.

_____ hours and _____ minutes per week

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4. To what extent have you provided instruction in the following in English/language arts class so far this year? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all	Small extent	Moderate extent	Large extent	
a. Fiction	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240523
b. Literary nonfiction	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240524
c. Poetry	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240528
d. Exposition	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240526
e. Argumentation and persuasion	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240527
f. Procedural texts and documents	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	VH240525

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5. When reading a story, article, or other passage with your students, how often do you ask your students to do the following? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. Summarize the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261231
b. Interpret the meaning of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261232
c. Question the motives or feelings of the characters	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261233
d. Identify the main ideas of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261235
e. Identify the themes of the passage	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH335897
f. Analyze two or more texts on the same topic	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	<input type="radio"/> D	<input type="radio"/> E	VH261240

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6. This school year, to what extent have you emphasized the following cognitive processes when teaching informational and literary texts in class? Select **one** circle in each row.

	No emphasis	Very little emphasis	Some emphasis	Quite a bit of emphasis	A lot of emphasis	
a. Locate and recall (e.g., identify main ideas or focus on specific elements of a story)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH261256
b. Integrate and interpret (e.g., make comparisons, explain character motivation, or examine relations of ideas across the text)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH261257
c. Critique and evaluate (e.g., evaluate text critically from many perspectives or evaluate overall text quality)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH261258

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7. When you teach English/language arts, how often do you use the following strategies? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Never or hardly ever	Once in a while	Sometimes	Often	Always or almost always	
a. I teach reading as a whole-class activity.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334361
b. I create student groups with the same achievement level.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334362
c. I create groups by random assignment.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334363
d. I allow students to choose their own groups.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334368
e. I use individualized instruction for reading.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334364
f. Students work independently on an assigned plan or goal.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334365
g. Students work independently on a goal they choose themselves.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH334366

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8. When you teach English/language arts to your students, how do you use each of the following resources? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not used	Supplement	Basis for instruction	
a. Hardback textbooks, workbooks, or worksheets	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262697
b. Electronic textbooks	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262698
c. A variety of children’s books (e.g., novels, collections of stories, nonfiction)	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262701
d. Materials from different curricular areas	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262703
e. Children’s newspapers and/or magazines	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262704
f. Reading-related websites or apps	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262707
g. Reading-related educational games	<input type="radio"/> A	<input type="radio"/> B	<input type="radio"/> C	VH262714

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9. In your fourth-grade English/language arts class this year, how often do your students use a computer or other digital device to do each of the following? 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	
a. Build and practice vocabulary	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH262482
b. Build reading fluency	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH617099
c. Build reading comprehension	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH617100
d. Practice spelling and grammar	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH262485
e. Access reading-related websites	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH262487
f. Conduct research for reading projects	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	VH262488

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10. Suppose your students did very well on their last English/language arts test. How likely do you think each of the following explanations is in this situation? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not at all likely	Not likely	Somewhat likely	Quite likely	Extremely likely	
a. My students did well because they studied and were prepared.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH262948
b. My students did well because they put in a lot of effort.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH262949
c. My students did well because they always do well on tests.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH262950
d. My students did well because I taught the concepts well.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH262951
e. My students did well because they guessed well on the test.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH337286
f. My students did well because they are just good at reading.	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	Ⓔ	VH337287

11. In your view, to what extent do the following limit how you teach this class? Select **one** circle in each row.

	Not applicable	Not at all	Some	A lot	
a. Students lacking prerequisite knowledge or skills	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH262636
b. Students with special needs (e.g., physical disabilities, mental or emotional/psychological impairment)	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH262637
c. Disruptive students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH262638
d. Uninterested students	Ⓐ	Ⓑ	Ⓒ	Ⓓ	VH262639

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