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CODES FOR TYPE OF TEACHING CERTIFICATE (FOR QUESTIONS 3 AND 4)

- 31 Regular or standard state certificate, or advanced professional certificate
- 32 Provisional or other type of certificate given to persons who are still participating in what the state calls an "alternative certification program"
- 33 Probationary certificate (the initial certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period)
- 34 Temporary certificate (requires some additional college coursework and/or student teaching before regular certification can be obtained)
- 35 Emergency certificate or waiver (issued to persons with insufficient teacher preparation who must complete a regular certification program in order to continue teaching)
- 36 No certificate

CODES FOR TEACHING ASSIGNMENT FIELD (FOR QUESTION 4)

- 41 **English/language arts** (reading, writing, composition, journalism, literature, other English/language arts)
- 42 **Foreign languages** (French, German, Latin, Spanish, other foreign language)
- 43 **Mathematics** (general mathematics, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, other mathematics)
- 44 **Science** (general science, biology/life science, chemistry, physics, geology/earth science, other physical or natural science)
- 45 **Social studies/social science** (social studies, history, world civilization, political science/government, civics, geography, economics, sociology, psychology, other social science)
- 46 **All other fields** (please specify the field)

CODES FOR MAJOR AND MINOR FIELD OF STUDY (FOR QUESTION 5)

EDUCATION FIELDS

General Education

- 51 Pre-elementary/early childhood education
- 52 Elementary education
- 53 Secondary education

Subject Area Education

- 54 English education, reading education
- 55 Foreign languages education
- 56 Mathematics education
- 57 Science education
- 58 Social studies/social sciences education
- 59 Other subject area education

Other Education

- 61 Special education
- 62 Curriculum and instruction
- 63 Educational administration
- 64 Other education

GENERAL FIELDS

- 71 **Engineering**
- 72 **English** (English/language arts, literature, speech, classics, communications and journalism)
- 73 **Foreign languages**
- 74 **Mathematics**
- 75 **Science** (biology/life science, chemistry, geology/earth science, physics, other physical or natural science)
- 76 **Social sciences** (history, political science/government, geography, economics, sociology, psychology, public affairs and services, other social science, ethnic/area studies)
- 77 **All other fields** (please specify the field)

1. Which one of the following best describes your **main** teaching assignment at this school? (*Circle only one number.*)

Teach a self-contained classroom (i.e., you teach all or most academic subjects to the same group of students all or most of the day) **1** —→ (*Go to question 2.*)

Teach math, science, English/language arts, social studies, or foreign language in a departmentalized setting (i.e., you teach one of these subjects to several classes of different students all or most of the day) **2** —→ (*Go to question 4.*)

Other teaching assignment..... **3** —→ (*Stop. Call Westat at 800-937-8281, ext. 8284, for instructions.*)

FOR TEACHERS OF SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOMS: Answer questions 2 and 3, and then go to question 5.

2. How many students are enrolled in your self-contained class? _____
3. Do you have a general elementary or secondary education teaching certificate in this state? *If yes, enter the code for the type of teaching certificate, using the list provided with this questionnaire.*

Yes 1 (Enter code from list for type of teaching certificate:) No 2

FOR TEACHERS IN DEPARTMENTALIZED SETTINGS

4. For each different field you are assigned to teach at this school, write in the code for the teaching assignment field, the number of classes or sections in that field you teach, and the number of students you teach in that field. Then, for each teaching assignment field, write in the code for the type of teaching certificate, if any, you have in that field in this state. See the lists provided with this questionnaire for the codes for teaching assignment field and type of teaching certificate.

Write in information for your main teaching assignment field at this school first, that is, the field in which you teach the most classes. Next write in information about your secondary teaching assignment field, that is, the field in which you teach the second most classes, followed by information for any other teaching assignments you may have at this school. If your teaching schedule is divided equally between two fields, record either field as your main assignment.

Teaching assignment at this school	Code for teaching assignment field	Number of classes or sections taught in field	Total number of students taught in field	Code for type of teaching certificate in this field in this state
Main (i.e., the field in which you teach the most classes)				
Secondary (i.e., the field in which you teach the second most classes)				
Other teaching assignments				

5. Please check the box(es) next to the degrees you hold, and write in the codes for your major and minor fields of study for each degree, using the list provided with this questionnaire. If you completed more than one degree at a level or had a double major or minor, please provide information for all fields of study at that degree level.

Degree	Code(s) for major(s)	Code(s) for minor(s)
Bachelor's degree(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Master's degree(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Doctorate degree(s) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other degree(s) <input type="checkbox"/> (specify:)		

6. Considering all of the professional development activities in which you participated in the last 12 months (excluding preservice training), how many total hours, if any, have you spent in activities in which the following content areas were a major focus? For any content area that was a major focus of professional development activities, indicate to what extent you believe it has improved your classroom teaching.

Content area	Total hours spent				Improved my teaching			
	0	1-8	9-32	More than 32	A lot	Moderately	Some-what	Not at all
a. In-depth study in the subject area of your main teaching assignment	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
b. New methods of teaching (e.g., cooperative learning)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
c. State or district curriculum and performance standards	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
d. Integration of educational technology in the grade or subject you teach	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
e. Student performance assessment (e.g., methods of testing, applying results to modify instruction)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
f. Classroom management, including student discipline	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
g. Addressing the needs of students with limited English proficiency or from diverse cultural backgrounds	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
h. Addressing the needs of students with disabilities	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
i. Other (please describe)	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

7. In the last 12 months, how frequently have you participated in the following activities related to teaching? For any activity in which you participated, indicate to what extent you believe the activity has improved your classroom teaching. Exclude any activities you participated in during preservice training.

Activity	Frequency of activities					Improved my teaching			
	Never	At least once a week	2 to 3 times a month	Once a month	A few times a year	A lot	Moderately	Some-what	Not at all
a. Common planning period for team teachers	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
b. Regularly scheduled collaboration with other teachers, excluding meetings held for administrative purposes	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
c. Being mentored by another teacher in a formal relationship	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
d. Mentoring another teacher in a formal relationship	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
e. Networking with teachers outside your school	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
f. Individual or collaborative research on a topic of interest to you professionally	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4
g. Other (please describe)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4

8. How well prepared do you feel to do the following activities in your classroom? *(Circle one number on each line.)*

	Very well prepared	Moderately well prepared	Somewhat well prepared	Not at all prepared
a. Implement new methods of teaching (e.g., cooperative learning)	1	2	3	4
b. Implement state or district curriculum and performance standards	1	2	3	4
c. Integrate educational technology into the grade or subject taught.....	1	2	3	4
d. Use student performance assessment techniques (e.g., methods of testing, applying results to modify instruction)	1	2	3	4
e. Maintain order and discipline in the classroom.....	1	2	3	4
f. Address the needs of students with limited English proficiency or from diverse cultural backgrounds <i>(If you teach no students with these characteristics, check the box and go to item g.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	2	3	4
g. Address the needs of students with disabilities <i>(If you teach no students with disabilities, check the box and go to question 9.)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	2	3	4

9. When you first began teaching, did you participate in a formal teacher induction program (for example, a program to help beginning teachers by assigning them to master or mentor teachers)? *Do not include student teaching.*

Yes 1 *(Length of program:_____)* No 2

10. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? *(Circle one number on each line.)*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Parents support me in my efforts to educate their children....	1	2	3	4
b. The school administration supports me in my work.....	1	2	3	4
c. Other teachers share ideas that are helpful to me in my teaching	1	2	3	4
d. Goals and priorities for the school are clear.....	1	2	3	4

11. What is your sex?

Male..... 1 Female..... 2

12. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin?

Yes 1 No 2

13. What is your race? *(Circle one or more to describe yourself.)*

American Indian or Alaska Native 1
 Asian..... 2
 Black or African American..... 3
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander 4
 White 5

14. Including this school year, how many years have you been employed as a teacher? _____ At this school? _____
(Include years spent teaching both full and part time, and in both public and private schools.)

15. What grades do you currently teach at this school? *(Circle all that apply.)*

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