



IEA Third International Mathematics and Science Study - Repeat

School Questionnaire Main Survey

Your school has been selected to participate in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study - Repeat (TIMSS-R), an educational research project sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). TIMSS-R is investigating student achievement in mathematics and science in about forty countries around the world. It is designed to measure and interpret differences in national education systems in order to help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science worldwide.

This school questionnaire is addressed to school principals and department heads who are asked to supply information about their schools. Since your school has been selected as part of a nationwide sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe the school system in the United States.

It is important that you answer each question carefully so that the information provided reflects the situation in your school as accurately as possible. Some of the questions will require that you look up school records, so you may wish to arrange for the assistance of another staff member to help provide this information. It is estimated that it will require approximately 60 minutes to complete this questionnaire.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please return it to the TIMSS-R Coordinator in your school.

Your cooperation in completing this questionnaire is greatly appreciated.

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1.	in what type of community is your school located?									
	Check one	box only.								
	A geographically isolated area									
	Village or rural (farm) area									
	One on the outskirts of a town/city									
	One close to the center of a town/city									
2.	How many of the following are on the staff of your school?									
	For each type of position listed, provide the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) pyour school. For example, one full-time (100% time) teacher represents 1 FTE; one time (50% time) teacher represents .5 FTE. A staff member who teaches 50% time as functions as an assistant principal for the remaining 50% represents .5 FTE teacher FTE assistant principal. Write in 0 (zero) if there are no such positions in your school.	part- nd and .5								
		Number of FTEs								
	a) Principals									
	b) Assistant principals									
	c) Department heads									
	d) Classroom teachers									
	e) Teacher aides									
	f) Laboratory technicians									
	g) Learning specialists									
	h) Other professional staff									
 3a.	How many individual full-time classroom teachers are there in your school? Write in a									
3b.	How many individual part-time classroom teachers are there in your school? Write in a									

4.	What percentage of the classroom teachers have been at your school for 5 or more years?										
		·				percen	indicate a stage.Write o) if none.				
							%				
5.		w long do students in your seeach of the following subject		oically sta	y with th	ne same te	eacher				
		(For schools with more than middle students only.)	e school stud	lents, please	answer fo	r middle sch	ool				
			Check one	box in each	line.						
			One school year or less	Two school years	Three school years	Four or mo school years	re Not applicable				
	a)b)	Mathematics									
		General Science	. 🗆								
	c)		. 🗌								
	d)		. 🗆								
	e)	Earth Science	. 🗌								
	f)	Physics	. 🗆								
6.	Co	operation and Collaboration):								
					Che	eck one box i					
	a)	Does your school have an offic cooperation and collaboration a		-	_	☐	No				
	b)	Are teachers in your school end discuss instructional ideas and	-								
	c)	Do teachers in your school mee goals and issues?									

7. As principal of this school, about how many hours per month do you usually spend on each of the following activities?

Please indicate the approximate number of whole hours for each item. Please write 0 (zero) if no time is spent on an activity.

		per month
a)	Hiring teachers	
b)	Representing the school in the community	
c)	Representing the school at official meetings	
d)	Internal administrative tasks (e.g., regulations, school budget, timetable)	
e)	Teaching (including preparation)	
f)	Giving a demonstration lesson	
g)	Discussing educational objectives with teachers	
h)	Initiating curriculum revision and/or planning	
i)	Talking with parents	
j)	Counseling and disciplining of students	
k)	Responding to requests from district, state, or national education officials	
1)	Training teachers	
m)	Professional development activities	
n)	Other activities	

8. With regard to your school, who has primary responsibility for each of the following activities?

Check one box in each line. If more than one level has responsibility, check the highest level.

		res	Not a school sponsibility	Local school board	Principal	Departme head	ent Teachers
a)	Hiring teachers	••••					
b)	Establishing disciplinary policies .	••••					
c)	Establishing student grading polici	ies					
d)	Formulating the school budget	••••					
e)	Purchasing supplies						
f)	Placing students in classes	••••					
g)	Assigning teachers to classes						
h)	Determining which textbooks are used						
i)	Establishing homework policies						
j)	Determining teacher salaries						
k)	Establishing community relationships						
1)	Communicating with students' families						
m)	Determining course content	••••					
n)	Deciding which courses are offered		П	П	П	П	

9.		How much influence does each of the following have in determining the curriculum that is taught in your school?											
			Check o	ne box in e	ach line.								
			None	A little	Some	A lot							
	a)	Voluntary National Standards											
	b)	National subject area associations											
	c)	State or district officials											
	d)	Local school board											
	e)	Principal/head of school											
	f)	Teachers (collectively for the school)											
	g)	Teachers (of same subject) as a group											
	h)	Each teacher individually											
	i)	Parents											
	j)	Students											
	k)	Church/religious groups											
	1)	Business community											
	m)	Textbook publishers											
	n)	External examinations/standardized tests											
	o)	Teacher unions											
10.		es your school have its own written statement be taught (i.e., other than the national or rec											
				Check on	e box in e	ach line							
					Yes	No							
	a)	For mathematics											
	b)	For science											
11.		s your school developed instructional activities the curriculum taught in your school?		learning	materia	ıls to							
		y		Check on	ne box in e	ach line							
					Yes	No							
	a)	For mathematics											

For science

12. Is your school's capacity to provide instruction affected by a shortage or inadequacy of any of the following?

		Check	each lin	ne.	
		None	A little	Some	A lot
a)	Instructional materials (e.g., textbooks)				
b)	Budget for supplies (e.g., paper, pencils)				
c)	School buildings and grounds				
d)	Heating/cooling and lighting systems				
e)	Instructional space (e.g., classrooms)				
f)	Special equipment for handicapped students				
g)	Computers for mathematics instruction				
h)	Computer software for mathematics instruction				
i)	Calculators for mathematics instruction				
j)	Library materials relevant to mathematics instruction				
k)	Audio-visual resources for mathematics instruction				
1)	Science laboratory equipment and materials				
m)	Computers for science instruction				
n)	Computer software for science instruction				
o)	Calculators for science instruction				
p)	Library materials relevant to science instruction				
q)	Audio-visual resources for science instruction				
r)	Teachers qualified to teach mathematics				
s)	Teachers qualified to teach General Science			П	

13.	The	students	in v	your	school	:
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Write in the answer for each of the following. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.

			Boys	Girls
	a)	What is the total school enrollment (number of students)?		
	b)	On a typical school day, what percentage of students are absent from school for any reason?		%
	c)	About what percentage of students who begin the year in your school also finish the year in your school?		%
	d)	What percentage of the students in your school transfer into your school after the beginning of the school year?		%
 13e.	we	ound the first of October 1998, what percentage of students re eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches through nool Lunch Program?		
		(Check None if zero (0), or write in a percent.)		
		None or %		

ALL remaining questions refer to Grade 8 students in your school.

14.	Co			
			Boys	Girls
	a)	How many students are in grade 8?		
	b)	How many students in grade 8 are repeating the grade?		
	c)	What is the approximate average class size in grade 8?		
	d)	How many grade 8 students are in multi-grade classrooms?	·	
15a.	tha	at is the total number of computers in your school t can be used by students in grade 8 for tructional activities?	of co	umber omputers students
15b.	oth	addition to the computers indicated above, how many er computers can be used by grade 8 teachers t students) for instructional purposes?	of co	umber omputers teachers
15c.	ins	TAL number of computers that can be used for tructional purposes by either students or teachers.	Tota	l numhei
		Add the numbers indicated in parts a and b.		l numb omputer

	poses?			Check o	ne box	only.
				Yes [No 🗌
f n	0,					
a)	Is your school planning to get Internet access?		•••••	•••••	Yes [No 🗆
b)	If yes to (a), when do you expect the school to g	et Inter	net acc	ess?		year
(S	kip to Question 17.)					
lf y		Chaok o	na bor	in each l	lin o	
		None	1 to 25%	26 to 50%	51 to 75%	76 to 100%
c)	What percentage of the computers listed in Question 15 have access to e-mail?					
d)	What percentage have access to the World Wide Web?					
	s your school made any of the following m le Web?	nateria			box in e	ach line
e)	information about the school				Yes	No
f)	mathematics curriculum guidelines					
g)	science curriculum guidelines					
h)	mathematics instructional activities		•••••	•••••		

17a. About how often does the school administration or staff have to deal with the following behaviors among grade 8 students?

17b. To what extent do these behaviors present a problem in your school?

Check **one** box for Frequency and **one** box for Severity on **each line**.

		Frequency in your school					Severity of Probler in your school				
		Never	Rarely	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Not a problem	Minor problem	Serious problem		
a)	arriving late at school										
b)	absenteeism (i.e., unjustified absences)										
c)	skipping class periods										
d)	violating dress code										
e)	classroom disturbance										
f)	cheating										
g)	profanity										
h)	vandalism										
i)	theft										
j)	intimidation or verbal abuse of other students										
k)	physical injury to other students										
1)	intimidation or verbal abuse of teachers or staff										
m)	physical injury to teachers or staff										
n)	tobacco use/possession										
o)	alcohol use/possession										
p)	illegal drug use/possession										
q)	weapon use/possession										
r)	inappropriate sexual behavior										

 a) How many instructional days are in the school year? b) How many <i>full</i> instructional days (over 4 hours) are there in the school week (typical calendar week from 	·
	days
Monday through Sunday)?	
c) How many <i>half</i> instructional days (4 hours or less) are there in the school week?	half days
d) How many hours (60-minute hours) <i>in total</i> are there in the school week? (include lunch breaks, study hall time, and after school activities)	hours
e) How many hours (60-minute hours) of <i>instruction</i> are there in the school week? (<i>exclude lunch breaks</i> , study hall time, and after school activities)	hours
19. Is the school week divided into instructional periods for your grade 8 students?	k one.
Yes	□ No □
If yes,	
a) How many <i>instructional</i> periods are there in a school week (typical calendar week from Monday through Sunday)?	periods
b) How many minutes is a typical instructional period?	minutes

	Schools sometimes organize instruction differently for students with different abilities and interests in mathematics. Which of the following does your school do for students in grade 8?							
	-						box in each line .	
						Yes	No No	
8	a)	All classes study similar content, but difficulty.						
ł	b)	Students are grouped by ability within	n their m	athematic	s classes			
C	c)	Advanced/honors mathematics is off	ered	•••••				
C	d)	Remedial mathematics is offered						
6	e)	Different classes study different cont topics (i.e, students are tracked)						
		If yes to (e), how many courses or	tracks are	there?	numi	ber of cou	rses/tracks	
	mn	I students do not follow the sam			•		-	
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22.	Schools sometimes organize instruction differently for students with
	different abilities and interests in science. Which of the following does your
	school do for students in grade 8?

				Check o	one box in	each line.
					Yes	No
a)	All classes study similar content, but difficulty.					
b)	Students are grouped by ability within	n their sc	eience clas	ses		
c)	Advanced/honors science is offered.					
d)	Remedial science is offered					
e)	Different classes study different cont (i.e, students are tracked)			-		
	If yes to (e), how many courses or	tracks are	there? _	num	ber of cour	ses/tracks
imp	Il students do not follow the san portant is each of the following fa dy in science a grade 8 student t	actors in akes?		g which		
		Not important	Somewhat	Moderately important	Very important	Not applicable
a)	academic performance					
b)	performance on a standardized test					
c)	performance on an entrance examination					
d)	performance on an oral examination					
e)	teacher recommendations					
f)	parental wishes					
g)	the student's own wishes					

h) curricular requirements

24.	•	Checi	k one box in e a	ach line.		
			Yes	No		
	a)	residence in a particular area				
	b)	student's academic performance				
	c)	interview with student				
	d)	interview with parent(s)				
	e)	preference given to students with older brothers or sisters in the school				
	f)	preference given according to date of application				
	g)	recommendation of previous teachers				
	h)	preference given to students from a particular school				
	i)	preference given to children of former students				
	j)	performance on a standardized test				
	k)	performance on an entrance examination				
	1)	performance on an oral examination				
	m)	other				
25 .	Bas	sed on your experience, does your school expect parent	s to			
		Check one box in each li				
			Yes	No		
	a)	notify the school about any problems their child may be having at home or with classmates?				
	b)	serve as teacher aides in the classroom?				
	c)	raise funds for the school?				
	d)	volunteer for school projects and programs?				
	e)	be sure that their child completes his/her homework?				
	f)	assist teachers on trips?				
	g)	prepare their child's lunchbox?				
	h)	patrol the grounds of the school to monitor student behavior?				
	i)	serve on committees which select school personnel?				
	i)	serve on committees which review school finances?				

THANK YOU for your thought, time, and effort in answering these questions.