



## 2021 Tennessee Educator Survey Teacher Branch: Early Career

## [If not taken Early Career in 2020]

TB\_E01. Consider the college/university or other program that prepared you for your initial teaching license. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that each of the following aspects of your program prepared you for your current role.

	Strongly	Disagree	Agree	Strongly	Not
	Disagree			Agree	Applicable
a. Coursework and program content (e.g., readings, lectures, projects) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
b. Clinical experience and coaching/mentorship (e.g., student teaching, classroom observations, residency) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
c. Overall preparation to teach (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
d. Completing the EdTPA	1	2	3	4	5

TB\_E02. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that your college/university or other program prepared you to accomplish the following.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	Effectively teach students how to read	1	2	3	4
b.	Address students' emotional health needs	1	2	3	4
C.	Provide individualized support for students with special	1	2	3	4
	needs				
d.	Teach students in a virtual learning context	1	2	3	4
e.	Identify and use high-quality instructional materials	1	2	3	4

TB\_E03. [If not taken Early Career in 2020] Which of the following did you have in the first year of teaching? (Select all that apply)

- a. Mentor
- b. Reduced course load
- c. New teacher peer/reflection group
- d. Assistance in preparing for my observations
- e. Reduced class size
- f. Targeted professional development opportunities
- g. Extra support from an instructional coach
- h. Tuition support for ongoing education
- i. None of the above

TB E04. Did you receive training on the teacher code of ethics while in your Educator Preparation Program (EPP)?

- a. I don't remember
- b. No
- c. Yes, it was lightly covered
- d. Yes, it was somewhat covered
- e. Yes, it was covered well

TB E05. Thinking back to your time in college or university, which of the following best describes you?

- a. I entered college already sure (or pretty sure) that I wanted to go into a career in education.
- b. I entered college considering a career in education among other options.
- c. I entered college <u>not</u> considering a career in education—that is, I thought I would most likely pursue some other career path.

TB\_E06. [If answer to TB\_E05 = a] What were the primary reasons you were already sure you wanted to go into a career in education when you entered your college/university? [open-ended]

TB\_E07. [If answer to TB\_E05 = b or c] How did you come to pursue a career in education despite not entering college or university sure that you wanted to go in this direction? Were you recruited or encouraged by staff from an educator preparation program or major? [open-ended]

TB\_E08.

TB\_E09. Please answer the questions below about the supports provided to you by your EPP.

		TB_E08. Wha	it career sup	ports were	TB_E09. (If Provided): Did you use		
		provided to you by your EPP?			this resource?		
		Not	Provided	I don't	Yes	No	
		Provided		remember			
a.	Career counseling/choosing a specialty	1	2	3	4	5	
b.	Help with financial planning (e.g., scholarships, aid, grants)	1	2	3	4	5	
c.	Job searching	1	2	3	4	5	
d.	An advisor	1	2	3	4	5	

TB\_E10. Approximately what was the total length of your student teaching experience?
\_\_\_\_\_ Enter the total/cumulative number of weeks.

TB\_E11. Use the 1 to 7 scale below to indicate the extent to which you believe the content of your EPP was focused on theory (1) or focused on practice (7). (Select one option)

Focused on theory  $\phantom{\bigg|}$  Focused on practice  $\phantom{\bigg|}$   $\phantom{\bigg|}$  Focused on practice  $\phantom{\bigg|}$ 





TB\_E12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your preparation to be a teacher?

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		Disagree			Agree
a.	The length of my student teaching experience was	1	2	3	4
	adequate to prepare me to teach.				
b.	My preparation to be a teacher included a good balance	1	2	3	4
	of theory and practical content.				
C.	I am interested in pursuing a dual-certification in special	1	2	3	4
	education and/or EL services.				

TB\_E13. During this current school year, have you had a formal teacher mentor assigned by school or district leadership? (Select one option)

- a. No 0
- b. Yes 1

TB\_E14. [If TB\_E13 = yes] Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your mentor.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I felt comfortable going to my mentor for help.				
	(Select one option)				
b.	My mentor provided me with regular feedback	1	2	2	4
	on my teaching. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
C.	Feedback from my mentor was useful in	1	2	3	4
	improving my practice. (Select one option)		2		4



