

## 2023 Tennessee Educator Survey School Leader Core

## AC\_01. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I am generally satisfied with being an administrator in this school. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	I feel appreciated for the job that I am doing. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	I feel well prepared for the work that I do. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	I feel prepared to serve as an instructional leader within my school. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

AC\_02. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding central office leadership in your district.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	The director of schools/superintendent in my district communicates a clear vision for this district. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	I like the way things are run in this district. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	I receive adequate support from district leadership in my role as a school leader. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	I receive adequate guidance from my district around the implementation of new initiatives. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

AC_03. Including hours spent during the school day, before and after school, and on the weekends, how many
hours do you spend on ALL school-related activities during a typical FULL WEEK at this school? [Answer must be
between 0 and 100, inclusive]

AC\_04. In an AVERAGE WEEK, what percentage of your work time do you devote to each of the following activities? (Please make sure your answers sum to 100%)

a.	General school management duties (e.g., scheduling, budgeting)
b.	Tasks related to teacher evaluation (e.g., formal observations, post-conferences)
c.	Completing instructional walk throughs
d.	Teacher instructional support/planning and preparation
e.	Other instructional leadership (e.g., data analysis or data meetings, curriculum)
f.	Personnel matters (e.g., hiring)
g.	Student discipline
h.	Other student-related meetings (e.g., IEP meetings)
i.	Supervisory roles (e.g., lunch/hall/bus duty, extracurricular events)
j.	Parent and community interactions (e.g., parent conferences, meetings)
k.	Interacting with district leaders/central office
l.	Other

AC\_05. Thinking about the current school year (2022-23), how often do you engage in each of the following practices?

		Almost Never	About Once per Semester	About Once per Month	Several Times per Month	Not Applicable
a.	Take steps to learn more about the cultures and backgrounds that students in my school represent.	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Examine my school's data for evidence that my school treats students from different groups equitably.	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Work with my instructional staff on teaching approaches that respond to the needs of a diverse range of students.	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Examine my school's disciplinary strategies to ensure they produce good outcomes for students from different backgrounds.	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Take steps aimed specifically at ensuring that my school communicates effectively with parents from diverse groups.	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Provide professional learning opportunities for my teachers on cultural responsiveness.	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Talk about inclusivity with my staff or students.	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Personally connect with families of different backgrounds from my own.	1	2	3	4	5

AC\_06. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding communities of practice.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I have sufficient opportunities to share ideas with other administrators in my district.	1	2	3	4
b.	I have sufficient opportunities to share ideas with other administrators outside of my district.	1	2	3	4
c.	I receive meaningful feedback from other administrators on my specific problems of practice.	1	2	3	4

AC\_07. Think about your hiring needs during this 2022-23 school year.

a.	How many open teaching positions did your school post/attempt to fill before the start of the
	2022-23 school year?

b. \_\_\_\_ How many unfilled teaching positions did you have at the start of the 2022-23 school year?



AC\_08. [If previous question (b) >0] For each subject area, please indicate the number of unfilled teaching positions you had at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

- a. Early Childhood/Pre-K
- b. Elementary
- c. English
- d. Math
- e. Science
- f. Social Studies
- g. Special Education
- h. Arts/Music
- i. Career & Technical Education
- j. Foreign Language
- k. English as a Second Language
- l. Technology
- m. Physical Education/Health
- n. Other

AC\_09. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement regarding your teacher candidate pool.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	I don't know
a.	We have a sufficiently large pool of licensed					
	applicants to choose a qualified candidate for	1	2	3	4	5
	open teaching positions at my school.					

AC\_10. In the last year, how challenging was it for you to recruit the following kinds of teachers to your school?

		Not at all	Somewhat	Challenging	Very	Extremely	N/A
		challenging	challenging		challenging	challenging	
a.	Instructionally effective teachers	1	2	3	4	5	6
b.	Teachers with necessary qualifications for my school's vacancies	1	2	3	4	5	6
C.	Teachers who I think will stay in my school	1	2	3	4	5	6
d.	Racially/ethnically diverse teachers	1	2	3	4	5	6

AC\_11. [If AC\_10d = 1, 2] You responded that recruiting racially/ethnically diverse teachers is not very challenging or somewhat challenging at your school. Please describe more. What kinds of strategies (if any) is your school using in this area?

AC\_12. [If AC\_10d >2] You responded that recruiting racially/ethnically diverse teachers is challenging at your school. Why? What do you think are the main challenges? What kinds of strategies (if any) is your school using in this area?

AC 13. [If AC 10d =6] You responded that challenges in recruiting racially/ethnically diverse teachers to your school are "not applicable". Please describe why you responded N/A.



For the following questions, please consider "high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring" as tutoring that occurs at least 2-3 times per week for at least 30 minutes per session with a maximum ratio of one tutor to three students in grades one through five, and a maximum ratio of one tutor to four students in grades six through eight.

AC\_14. Does your school participate in a high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program?

- a. No 0
- b. Yes, my school participates in TN ALL Corps, through the Tennessee Department of Education.
- c. Yes, my school participates in a high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program other than TN ALL Corps.
- d. Yes, my school participates in a high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program but I'm unsure if it is through TN ALL Corps.

## AC\_15 to AC\_22 go to admins who answered b-d above.

AC\_15. What are any barriers to implementing high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program within your school this school year? [RANDOMIZE] (Select all that apply)

- a. Scheduling or time conflicts
- b. Shortage of available tutors
- c. Space to conduct tutoring
- d. Lack of awareness about available opportunities
- e. Transportation to/from tutoring sessions outside of regular school hours
- f. Negative social stigma
- g. Technology issues (e.g., connectivity, computer or tables for participants)
- h. Other:

AC 16. Who provides high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring for students in your school? (Select all that apply)

- a. Teachers
- b. Paraprofessionals
- c. Trained Volunteers
- d. Paid Staff (not otherwise working for the district)
- e. External Partners
- f. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

AC\_17. Which of the options below represents when students who are tutored receive this service? (Select all that apply)

- a. During the school day
- b. Before the school day
- c. After the school day
- d. I don't know



AC\_18. Approximately what percentage of your student body has been enrolled in high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring at some point during this school year?

AC 19. What criteria are used to enroll students in high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring? [RANDOMIZE] (Select all that apply)

- a. A specific assessment result on TNReady
- b. A specific result on a test or screener other than TNReady
- c. A request from a parent/guardian
- d. A referral from a teacher
- e. A referral from a certified support staff member (e.g., learning specialist, counselor)
- f. High absenteeism

AC 20. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that your school uses high quality instructional materials to support learning acceleration within your high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program.

- a. Strongly disagree
- b. Disagree
- c. Agree
- d. Strongly agree

AC\_21. What about your high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring program has gone well this year? (Select All That Apply)

- a. The program is well managed and well organized.
- b. The program integrated well with our existing instructional efforts.
- c. The program allows for wider connections with the community and/or potential staff hires.
- d. The program has had a positive impact on student learning.
- e. My teachers appreciate the academic support that the program provides to our students.

AC\_22. [Open-Ended] What are the biggest successes and most significant challenges in the high-dosage, lowratio tutoring program at your school?

AC 23. This year, did your school provide a computer (or related device) for every student's academic use?

a. Pipe answers from Q12 as answer options

AC\_24. Does the typical student in your school take a school-provided computer home with them regularly?

- a. No
- b. Yes



AC\_25. This year, how many of your teachers regularly post lessons, assignments, and other materials to a Learning Management System (e.g., Google classroom)

- a. None
- b. 1-25%
- c. 26% to 50%
- d. 51% to 75%
- e. 76% to 99%
- f. 100%

AC\_26. [Open Response] Which educational software or other edtech solutions are most commonly used by teachers at your school (excluding Learning Management Systems, such as Google Classroom)? Examples might include Quizlet, Nearpod, or Jamboard.

AC\_27 to AC\_31 only go to individuals who have not answered these labor market questions in an earlier year.

The following section asks for insight about your work decisions. Results from this section will NOT be included in district-level reports, and district leaders will never see results from these questions. They are included for research purposes only.

AC\_27. Before you became an administrator, did you ever have a career outside of the field of education? (Select one option)

- a. No 0 (Skip the next four questions)
- b. Yes, in a full-time career other than education 1 (Continue to next question)
- c. Yes, in a part-time career other than education 2 (Continue to next question)

AC 28. In what fields or areas did you work? (List more than one if applicable.) [Open-ended]

AC\_29. How many total years of experience do you have in a career outside education, including both part-time and full-time work?

Total y
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AC\_30. In this career (or careers) outside education, how many years did you spend in a management position? (If none, fill in "0".)

\_\_\_\_ Total years

AC 31. In this career (or careers) outside education, did you have responsibility for any of the following? (Select all that apply)

- a. Budgeting
- b. Managing others
- c. Hiring personnel
- d. Training or development of others



- e. Motivating others
- f. Maintaining facilities
- g. Maintaining interpersonal relationships
- h. Engaging external stakeholders

## All admins take the following questions.

AC\_32. What do you anticipate will be your role in the next academic year (i.e., in 2023-24)? (Select one option)

- a. Still working as an administrator in this school
- b. Still working as an administrator, but at another school in this district
- Still working as an administrator, but at a school in another district in Tennessee
- d. Still working in a Tennessee public school, but not as an administrator
- e. Still working in Tennessee schools, but in a central or district administrative or leadership role
- f. Still working in K-12 education, but not in Tennessee public schools
- g. Working at a job outside of K-12 education
- h. Retired
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

AC\_33. (If AC\_31=b) Would you say that your move to a different school next year was...? (Select one option)

- a. Mostly my decision
- b. Mostly the decision of my district's leadership
- c. Mostly the decision of others (please specify:) \_\_\_\_

AC 34. (If AC 31 = b or c) To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your move for next year?

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	In the decision process, staying in my current school was an option that was open to me. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	I actively sought a move from my current school. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	District or building-level dynamics played a role in my move. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	District leaders told me where I would move with little input from me. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
e.	My new school will be a better fit for my skills. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
f.	I am likely to be more effective in my new school. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

AC 35. (If AC 31 = b or c) Why are you moving to a different school for next year? [Open-ended]

AC\_36. (If AC\_31 = d) Why are you leaving school administration next year? [Open-ended]

AC\_37. (If AC\_31 = f or g) Why are you leaving Tennessee schools next year? [Open-ended]



AC\_38. (If AC\_31 = h) What factors drove your decision to retire this year? [Open-ended]

AC\_39. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your work.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I think about transferring to another school. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	The stress and responsibility of serving as an administrator in this school make me question staying in my role. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	I plan to work in public education until I retire. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

AC 40. What is your best guess regarding how many more years you will serve in each of the following roles?

2	An administrator in	vour current school
d.	 All autilities trator in	your current school

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ An administrator in any school in your district (including your current school)
- An administrator in any school in Tennessee (including your current school)

Admins with a Pre-K grade in their building takes AC\_41 to AC\_44.

AC\_41. How confident do you feel in explaining the Pre-K standards (Tennessee Early Learning Development Standards) to your staff?

- a. Not at all confident
- b. Somewhat confident
- c. Confident
- d. Very Confident

AC 42. How frequently do you have access to professional development opportunities that have each of the following characteristics?

		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always
a.	Are relevant to the challenges I face in supporting high quality Pre-K in my school	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Improve my capacity to support high quality Pre-K in my school	1	2	3	4	5



AC\_43. At your school have you done any of the following activities to support the implementation of Pre-K curriculum? (Select all that apply)

- a. Have teachers complete a fidelity checklist available from the Pre-K curriculum developer
- b. Have a coach observe teachers using the Pre-K curriculum developer's checklist
- c. Have someone else (other than a coach) observe teachers using the Pre-K curriculum developer's checklist
- d. Have a coach observe teachers WITHOUT using the Pre-K curriculum developer's checklist
- e. Have someone else (other than a coach) observe teachers WITHOUT using the Pre-K curriculum developer's checklist
- f. Have coaches focus on curriculum implementation when working with Pre-K teachers
- g. Have administrators/coaches/specialists/others participate in a Pre-K curriculum developer training on supporting and/or monitoring fidelity

AC\_44. Do you use any non-evaluative observational data (e.g., CLASS, ECERS, ELLCO, district-made) for any of the following purposes regarding Pre-K? (Select all that apply)

- a. Informing instructional coaching decisions
- b. Measuring changes in Pre-K teacher practice
- c. Informing decisions about what professional development or technical assistance is needed for Pre-K teachers
- d. I do not use any non-evaluative observational tools for Pre-K

AC\_45. Is there someone who is responsible for analyzing or summarizing Pre-K data from your school so those data can be used to support decision-making or answer research questions? (Select one option)

- a. No 0
- b. Yes 1

