



2021 Tennessee Educator Survey Teacher Branch: Pre-Kindergarten

[Like last year, PreK teachers will take the Teacher Core and this Branch only. They will NOT be given one of the four modules.]

TB_Z01. Which of the following best describes your PreK classroom context? (Select one option)

- a. Special Education
- b. General Education
- c. Blended (Special & General Education)

Questions TB_Z02 through TB_Z06 refer to the primary curriculum adopted by your district only (i.e., *Big Day for PreK, Connect 4 Learning*, or *Creative Curriculum*). Please answer these questions in regard to your district's primary curriculum and not any supplemental curricula or materials you may use.

TB_Z02. To what extent does your district's adopted curriculum support instructional your ability to teach lessons that ensure students have the opportunity to master grade level standards and support your ability to track student progress in mastering those standards?

		Not at All	To a	To a	To a
			Minimal	Moderate	Great
			Extent	Extent	Extent
а.	Approaches to Learning (e.g., self-initiated learning, maintaining engagement, working collaboratively) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	Social-personal competencies (e.g., understanding	1	2	2	4
	others' feelings, dramatic play) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	Print concepts (Select one option)				
d.	Oral language and communication	1	2	3	4
e.	Foundational skills and readiness for literacy	1	2	3	4
f.	Math (e.g., classification, number sense, measurement,	1	2	2	4
	patterns, shapes) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
g.	Science (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
h.	Social Studies (Selection one option)	1	2	3	4
i.	Physical development (e.g., gross & fine motor skills)	1	2	2	4
	(Select one option)	1	2	3	4
j.	Fine arts (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
k.	Readiness for Writing	1	2	3	4

TB_Z03. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements regarding the state-approved PreK curricula used within your district (e.g., Big Day for Pre-K, Connect 4 Learning, or Creative Curriculum):

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I have received training on how to implement one of these curricula. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	I feel knowledgeable about the state- approved curriculum I am using. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

c.	I feel confident in my ability to implement the	1	2	2	4
	curriculum. (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	I have ample opportunities to get ongoing				
	professional development and support that is	1	2	3	4
	specific to the curriculum. (Select one option)				

TB_Z04. Which of the following best describes your most common reasons for sourcing and/or creating your own materials to supplement the curriculum provided by your district? (Select up to two options)

- a. I have not been properly trained to use my primary curriculum.
- b. Primary curriculum does not fully cover a specific developmental domain.
- c. The primary curriculum is too difficult for my students.
- d. The primary curriculum does not adequately prepare my students for Kindergarten.
- e. I supplement the primary curriculum to differentiate the lessons for my students.
- f. I feel more comfortable teaching from a different curriculum than the one provided by my school or district.
- g. I disagree with the way my primary curriculum addresses certain content.

TB_Z05. Which of the following approaches do you use to differentiate instruction with the curriculum provided by your district? (Select all that apply)

- a. Center rotations
- b. Small groups
- c. Implementing a spiral design
- d. Use of open-ended materials
- e. Using a supplemental curriculum provided by my school/district
- f. Using supplemental materials that I create or find myself
- g. Scaffolding questions

TB_Z06. In the past year, how many times have you or anyone else used a tool or checklist to assess how you use your primary curriculum (i.e., fidelity of implementation)? (Please enter zero if this never happened) [number entry, 0-100]

TB_Z07. Please select the response that best describes your current perspective of your professional development (PD) experience within each of the following areas during the current school year.

		I need both	I need more	I need	I am satisfied with
		more PD	PD experiences	higher	both the quality and
		experiences and	that	quality PD	amount of PD
		higher quality PD	emphasize this	in this	received in this
		in this area.	area.	area.	area.
a.	Literacy (select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	Math instruction (e.g., early numeracy, how to embed math during the preschool day, etc.) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4





C.	Child development and creating developmentally appropriate environments (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	Developing and implementing high quality learning centers (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
e.	Minimizing transitions/wait-time (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
f.	Using open-ended questions to promote students' learning and engagement (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
g.	Encouraging associative and cooperative interactions among children (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
h.	Differentiating instruction using my primary curriculum (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

Questions TB_Z08 and TB_Z09 refer to support from an instructional coach. For these questions please DO NOT think about support that is specific to portfolio implementation as part of your evaluation (i.e., support on using the rubric, selecting/uploading work samples, etc.) even if that support was from an instructional coach.

TB_Z08. Please indicate the frequency with which you engage in each of the following activities with an instructional coach or peer mentor teacher who is knowledgeable of PreK practices. (Select one option) INTELLIMATRIX with next question

		Not this	Once or	About	Two or	Once
		Year	Twice a	Once a	Three	a
			Semester	Month	Times a	Week
					Month	or
						More
a.	Have a coach/peer observe a lesson for non- evaluative purposes (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Co-plan and/or co-teach a lesson with a coach (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Observe my coach/peer model a lesson (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Have a conversation about instructional practices with a coach/peer (Select one	1	2	3	4	5
	option)					
e.	Have a conversation about my students' data with a coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Participate in a professional development session or PLC led a coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Have a conversation about differentiating instruction (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5





TB_Z09. Please indicate the usefulness of your coach/peer interactions in each of the areas below. (Select one option) INTELLIMATRIX with previous question

		Not Useful	Somewhat Useful	Useful	Very Useful
a.	Have a coach/peer observe a lesson for non- evaluative purposes (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	Co-plan a lesson with a coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
c.	Observe my literacy coach/peer model a lesson (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
d.	Have a conversation about instructional practices with a coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
e.	Have a conversation about my students' data with a coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
f.	Participate in a professional development session or PLC led by my coach/peer (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
g.	Have a conversation about differentiating instruction.	1	2	3	4

TB_Z10. Please indicate any of the following child assessments that you use to inform your planning (select all that apply).

- a. Teaching Strategies Gold
- b. Brigance
- c. Assessments provided in curriculum
- d. Assessments that I create
- e. Not Applicable, we do not use child assessments
- f. Other:_____

TB_Z11. [If TB_Z10 is NOT e] How frequently does child assessment data inform your planning in each of the following ways?

		Never	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
a.	To identify a child's developmental level (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	To individualize activities for a child (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
c.	To determine if a child needs a referral for special services (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
d.	To determine a child's strengths and weaknesses (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
e.	To identify activities for parents to do with a child at home (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5





TB_Z12. Since summer 2020, about how much time have you spent engaging in the following types of professional learning?

		None	1-10	11-20	21-40	More than 40
			hours	hours	hours	hours
а.	Formal professional development opportunities (e.g., workshops, webinars, conferences, or classes) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Individual support through one-on-one mentoring, coaching, or partnerships (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Collaborative activities with a group of other teachers (e.g., PLCs, grade level teams) (Select one option)	1	2	3	4	5

TB_Z13. How comfortable are you with embedding each of the following into your daily literacy instruction?

		Not at all comfortable	Slightly comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Very comfortable
a.	Sounds first activities (Select one option)	1	2	3	4
b.	Hand motions and teacher moves (Select one option)	1	2	3	4

TB_Z14. How familiar are you with the TN Foundational Skills Supplement?

- a. Not at all familiar
- b. I am aware of it, but have not tried it out in my instruction
- c. I have used it in my instruction once or twice this year
- d. I occasionally incorporate it into my instruction
- e. It has been a regular part of my instruction this year



