The Impact of the 2012 TNCore Math Training on Teaching Practices and Effectiveness

TECHNICAL APPENDIX

Model for Method 1: Controlling for Past Performance

$$\begin{array}{l} Y_{i} = \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}Coach_{i} + \beta_{2}Participant_{i} + \beta_{3}Prior\ Performance_{i} \\ + \beta_{4}Beginning\ Teacher_{i} + \varepsilon_{i} \end{array}$$

 Y_i represents an individual teacher's 2012-13 score on either a component of the TEAM rubric or TVAAS. The coach and participant variables indicate whether the teacher was a 2012 math Common Core coach or participated in the summer 2012 TNCore Training. Prior performance represents a teacher's 2011-12 score for the outcome variable. ε_i represents all other factors that affect the outcome including measurement error. The beginning teacher variable indicates whether a teacher was in their second or third year of teaching¹. Results are shown below. Each column represents a separate regression model. Standard errors were clustered at the teacher level.

	Problem	Thinking	Questioning	Academic	Instruction	TVAAS ²
	Solving			Feedback	Domain	
Coach	0.31***	0.28 ^{***}	0.24***	0.22***	0.12**	0.22**
	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.08)
Participant	0.07***	0.08 ^{***}	0.06***	0.08 ^{***}	0.05	0.08 ^{**}
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.03)
Past	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х
Performance						
Teacher	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Experience						
Observations	9636	9314	9314	9313	9640	5081
+ *	- ** ***					

Results for Method 1: 2012-13 Classroom Instructional Practices and Teacher Effectiveness for Coaches and Participants Compared to Non-Participants

⁺ p < 0.10, ^{*} p < 0.05, ^{**} p < 0.01, ^{***} p < 0.001

Model for Method 2: Taking School Environment into Account

 $\begin{aligned} Y_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 Coach_i + \beta_2 Participant_i + \beta_3 Prior Performance_i \\ &+ \beta_4 Beginning Teacher_i + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_i \end{aligned}$

The model above is similar to the model shown for the first method. However, it includes α_i , which indicates a school fixed effect.

¹ First year teachers were excluded because they did not have prior scores.

² Results indicate the predicted increase in standard deviations of teacher effectiveness.

	Problem	Thinking	Questioning	Academic	Instruction	TVAAS
	Solving			Feedback	Domain	
Coach	0.36***	0.28***	0.20**	0.23**	0.16***	0.21*
	(0.06)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.10)
Participant	0.09 ^{***}	0.10^{***}	0.08***	0.11^{***}	0.05	0.06^{+}
	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)
School Fixed	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Effects						
Past	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Performance						
Teacher	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Experience						
Observations	9636	9314	9314	9313	9640	5081
+	**	0.004				

Results for Method 2: 2012-13 Classroom Instructional Practices and Teacher Effectiveness for Coaches and Participants Compared to Non-Participants

 $p^{+} p < 0.10, p^{+} p < 0.05, p^{+} p < 0.01, p^{+} p < 0.001$

Model for Method 3: Adjusting for Teacher Characteristics

 $Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Coach_{it} + \beta_2 Participant_{it} + \gamma_3 Grade Level_{it} + \gamma_4 Year_{it} + \delta_i + \varepsilon_{it}$

 Y_{it} represents an individual teacher's TVAAS score for each year. The TVAAS score is a function of the teacher's fixed characteristics δ_i , whether the teacher was a coach and participant during a particular year, grade level, year, and all other factors that affect TVAAS scores, including measurement error. We also conducted a model including teacher experience, which also resulted in a statistically significant estimate of 0.08 for participating in the training.

	TVAAS
Coach	0.03
	(0.12)
Participant	0.08*
	(0.03)
Grade Level	Х
Year	Х
Individual Fixed Effects	Х
Observations ³	38047 (11490 teachers)
$p^{+} p < 0.10, p^{*} < 0.05, p^{**} p < 0.01,$	**** <i>p</i> < 0.001

Method 3 Results: 2012-13 Teacher Effectiveness for Coaches and Participants

³ In the individual fixed effects model, there are multiple observations for each teacher. A teacher has an observation for each annual, grade-level TVAAS score received.

Coach at School Model

$Y_{i} = \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}Participant with Coach_{i} + \beta_{2}Prior Performance_{i}$ $+ \beta_{3}Beginning Teacher_{i} + \eta_{i} + \varepsilon_{i}$

The model above is used to examine whether participants in coach schools benefited from the trainings more than participants in non-coach schools. Only training participants are included in this analysis. The participant with coach variable indicates whether a Common Core coach was located in the same school as the teacher. The η_i indicates a district fixed effect.

	Problem	Thinking	Questioning	Academic	Instruction
	Solving			Feedback	Domain
Participant with	-0.01	0.01	0.08 [*]	0.05	0.00
Coach in School	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.03)
District Fixed Effects	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Past Performance	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Teacher Experience	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Observations	9533	9225	9226	9529	9226
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### 2012-13 Classroom Instructional Practices for Participants with a Coach in their School Compared to Participants without a Coach in their School

 $p^{+} p < 0.10, p^{+} < 0.05, p^{+} p < 0.01, p^{+} < 0.001$