



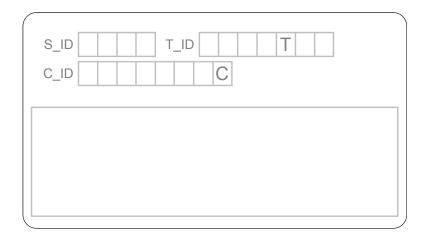
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Dear Teacher,

This questionnaire is a vital part of a major longitudinal study of children's early educational experiences beginning with kindergarten and continuing through grade 5. You have received this questionnaire because one or more of the children in your class(es) are participants in this study. The child who is the subject of this questionnaire is identified on the cover. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1008/JHS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY TEACHERS OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN. IF THE CHILD IDENTIFIED ON THE COVER IS IN FIRST GRADE OR HIGHER, PLEASE REQUEST A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN IN THOSE GRADES AND COMPLETE THAT ONE.

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2010-11 (ECLS-K:2011) is collecting information from teachers of children who are in the study to investigate the relationship between children's academic progress and various school, classroom, teacher, and home characteristics. Taking part in the study is voluntary. You may stop at any time or choose not to answer a question you do not want to answer. Although we realize you are very busy, we urge you to complete this questionnaire as completely and accurately as possible. The information you provide is being collected for research purposes only and will be protected from disclosure to the fullest extent allowable by law (Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, 20 U.S.C. § 9573). Information from multiple individuals will be combined to produce statistical reports; no information that identifies you will be included in any reports or provided to students, their parents, or other school staff.

DEFINITIONS

For this study, the following definitions apply:

- English language learner (ELL): A student whose native language is one other than English and whose skills in listening, speaking, reading, or writing English are such that he or she has difficulty understanding school instruction in English.
- English as a Second Language (ESL): An instructional program designed to teach listening, speaking, reading, and writing English language skills to students with limited proficiency in English. The program may focus on a student's level of proficiency in general English. As a language instruction educational program, the ESL program should be connected to academic achievement with the goal of meeting the academic standards that all children must meet.
- <u>Bilingual education program</u>: A program in which native language is used to varying degrees, in conjunction with English, to teach English and academic content to students with limited proficiency in English.
- <u>Dual-language program</u>: Also known as two-way immersion, the goal of these programs is for students to develop language proficiency in two languages by receiving content instruction in English and another language in a classroom that usually consists of both native English speakers and native speakers of the other language.
- <u>Title I: "Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged"</u>: Title I is a program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.
- <u>Title III: "Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students"</u>: Title III is a program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as reauthorized under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. One of the main purposes of this program is to help ensure that children who are limited English proficient, including immigrant children and youth, attain English proficiency, develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and meet the same state academic content and student academic achievement standards as all children are expected to meet.
- <u>Individualized Education Program (IEP)</u>: A written statement of the educational program designed to meet
 the individual needs of a school-aged child with a disability that is judged to affect the child's educational
 performance. Children who receive special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities
 Education Act (IDEA) are expected to have an IEP or an IFSP.
- <u>Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)</u>: A written statement of the educational program and other services designed to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of an infant or toddler (preschool-aged) with a disability. The plan includes a description of the appropriate services needed to assist transition into elementary school.



• <u>Section 504 plan</u>: A written plan to provide appropriate services to a child with a disability, whether or not the disability is judged to affect the child's educational performance. Speech therapy services may often be specified as part of a Section 504 plan.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



MARKING DIRECTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND USE A BLACK OR BLUE BALL POINT PEN OR A SOFT LEAD (#2) PENCIL TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. DO NOT USE A FELT-TIP PEN.

MARKING BOXES

It is important that you mark an "X" in the box next to your answers and print clearly.

Shown below is the correct way to mark your answers, along with examples of incorrect ways.

Correct Mark:



Incorrect Marks:

Light and thin, outside the box, thick or scrawled.



How to Change an Answer:

Completely black out the box of the incorrect answer and mark an "X" in the box next to the correct answer.



PRINTING ANSWERS IN BOXES

Answers should be printed clearly and should not touch or cross any of the box lines. Do not cross zeroes or sevens. That is, do not write a zero with a line through it like this – θ , and do not write a seven with a line through it like this – 7.

Write one number per box like this:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Write words like this:

John Smith



Academic Rating Scale

The Academic Rating Scale is separated into two areas: (1) Language and Literacy and (2) Mathematical Thinking. Please rate the child's skills, knowledge, and behaviors within each of these areas based on your experience with the child identified on the cover of this questionnaire. This is NOT a test and should not be administered directly to the child. Each question includes examples that are meant to help you think of the range of situations in which the child may demonstrate the identified skills and behaviors. **The examples do not exhaust all the ways that a child may demonstrate what he/she knows or can do.** The examples do, however, indicate a level of proficiency a child should have reached in order to receive the highest ratings. Some of these examples describe a very high level of performance (beyond typical students) in order to evaluate achievement levels of the highest performing students.

The following **five-point scale** is used for each of the questions. It reflects the degree to which a child has acquired and demonstrated the targeted skills, knowledge, and behaviors. In addition to the five-point scale, there is a sixth response option, "Not applicable or skill not yet taught."

Not yet = Child <u>has not yet</u> demonstrated skill, knowledge, or behavior.

Beginning = Child is <u>just beginning</u> to demonstrate skill, knowledge, or behavior but does so very inconsistently

behavior but does so very inconsistently.

In progress = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior with some

regularity but varies in level of competence.

Intermediate = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior with

increasing regularity and average competence but is not

completely proficient.

Proficient = Child demonstrates skill, knowledge, or behavior competently

and consistently.

Not applicable or = Skill, knowledge, or behavior has <u>not been introduced</u> in

skill not yet taught classroom setting.

Rate only the child's **current** skills, knowledge, and behaviors. Rate each child compared to other children of the same age level. Please consider the full range of ratings when answering. If the skill, knowledge, or behavior has been introduced in the classroom, please rate the child by placing an "X" in the appropriate box for your rating. Place an "X" in the box for "Not applicable or skill not yet taught" only if the skill, knowledge, or behavior has not been introduced in your classroom setting.

Child with Limited English Proficiency/English language learner: Please answer the questions based on your knowledge of this child's skills. If the child does not yet demonstrate skills in English but does demonstrate them in his/her native language, please answer the questions with the child's native language in mind.

Child with Special Needs: It may be necessary to consider adaptations for some questions to make them more inclusive for this child's skills and/or use of adaptive equipment. Some children may utilize alternative forms of verbal communication (for example, sign language, communication boards) or written communication (for example, word processors, Braille, dictation). Please answer the questions with these adaptations in mind.



SECTION I: LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

		MARK ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.					
TI	HIS CHILD	Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not applicable or skill not yet taught
1.	Uses complex sentence structures - for example, says "If she had brought her umbrella, she wouldn't have gotten wet," or "Yesterday it was raining cats and dogs," or "Why can't we go on the field trip at the same time as the first grade?"						
2.	Understands and interprets a story or other text read to him/her - for example, by retelling a story just read to the group, or telling about why a story ended as it did, or connecting part of the story to his/her own life.						
3.	Easily and quickly names all upper- and lower-case letters of the alphabet.						
4.	Predicts what will happen next in stories by using the pictures and storyline for clues.						
5.	Reads simple books independently - for example, reads books with a repetitive language pattern.						
6.	Uses different strategies to read unfamiliar words - for example, examines cues from pictures or context, or uses consonant sounds to read words, or uses prior knowledge in order to make predictions.						
7.	Demonstrates early writing behaviors - for example, by using initial consonants to spell words ("d" for the word "dog"), or using letter names to represent sounds ("r" for the word "are"), or phonetic spelling ("hrt") for the word "heart," to convey words or ideas.						
8.	Composes simple stories - for example, by writing about a personal experience in a journal.						
9.	Demonstrates an understanding of some of the conventions of print - for example, by using both upper and lower case letters when writing, or putting spaces between words, or using a period at the end of a sentence.						



SECTION II: MATHEMATICAL THINKING

	MARK ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH ITEM.						
THIS CHILD	Not yet	Beginning	In progress	Intermediate	Proficient	Not applicable or skill not yet taught	
10. Sorts, classifies, and compares math materials by various rules and attributes - for example, by creating a rule for sorting keys, such as "keys with numbers" in one pile and "keys without numbers" in another pile, or by sorting shapes by several attributes such as "large plastic shapes" and "small wooden shapes."							
11. Orders a group of objects - for example, by ordering rods or sticks by length, or arranging paints from lightest to darkest or musical instruments from softest to loudest.							
12. Shows an understanding of the relationship between quantities - for example, knows that a group of ten small stones is the same quantity as a group of ten larger blocks.							
13. Solves problems involving numbers using concrete objects - for example, "Vera has six blocks, George has three, how many blocks are there in all?" or "How many do I need to give George so he will have the same number of blocks as Vera?"							
14. Demonstrates an understanding of graphing activities - for example, by looking at a picture graph on favorite ice-cream flavors and knowing which flavor is the most popular and which one is the least popular.							
15. Uses instruments accurately for measuring - for example, by using a balance scale to compare the weight of two objects, or using tablespoons and teaspoons during a cooking project, or using a measuring tape to measure the length of different objects.							
16. Uses a variety of strategies to solve math problems - for example, by using manipulative materials, looking for a pattern, or acting out a problem.							
17. Models, reads, writes, and compares fractions - for example, shows that ½ of the candy bar is ¼ + ¼, or shows that ¼ of a set of 12 is 3.							



No opportunity

Social Skills

Teachers rated children in their classroom on social skills (including their ability to exercise self-control, interact with others, resolve conflict, and participate in group activities); externalizing and internalizing problem behaviors (e.g., fighting, arguing, anger, depression, low self-esteem, impulsiveness); and learning dispositions or "approaches to learning" (e.g., curiosity, self-direction, organization, and persistence). The social skills and problem behavior items were adapted from the Social Skills Rating Scale (SSRS) by Gresham and Elliot 1990 and are published by NCS Pearson. These items are copyright protected and are not listed. The approaches to learning items were created for the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K) by Atkins-Burnett. They are not copyright protected and, therefore, are listed below.

For the set of items below, please think about this child's behavior during the past month or two. Decide how often the child demonstrates the behavior described. We realize that some items apply more to older children, but please answer as accurately as you can. For each item, mark one of the following responses:

No opportunity to observe this behavior.

		How Often?				
	Never	Some- times	Often	Very often	No opportunity to observe	
11. Keeps belongings organized.						
14. Shows eagerness to learn new things.						
15. Works independently.						



Social Skills (continued)

		How			
	Never	Some- times	Often	Very often	No opportunity to observe
		Ш	Ш	Ш	
	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш	
21. Easily adapts to changes in routine.					
23. Persists in completing tasks.					
24. Pays attention well.					
25. Follows classroom rules.					

Source: Social Skills Rating System (SSRS). Copyright © 1990, NCS Pearson. Adapted with permission. All rights reserved.



Classroom Behaviors

Please read each statement and decide whether it is a "true" or "untrue" description of this child's reaction to a number of situations within the past six months. If you cannot answer one of the items because you have never seen the child in that situation, then mark "not applicable."

<u>Th</u>	ne child:	Extremely untrue	Quite untrue	Slightly untrue	Neither true nor untrue	Slightly true	Quite true	Extremely true	Not applicable
1.	When practicing an activity, has a hard time keeping her/his mind on it.								
2.	Will move from one task to another without completing any of them.								
3.	When drawing or coloring in a book, shows strong concentration.								
4.	When building or putting something together, becomes very involved in what s/he is doing, and works for long periods.								
5.	Is easily distracted when listening to a story.								
6.	Sometimes becomes absorbed in a picture book and looks at it for a long time.								
7.	Can wait before entering into new activities if s/he is asked to.								
8.	Plans for new activities or changes in routine to make sure s/he has what will be needed.								
9.	Has trouble sitting still when s/he is told to (story time, etc.).								
10	. Is good at following instructions.								
11	. Approaches places that s/he thinks might be "risky" slowly and cautiously.								
12	. Can easily stop an activity when s/he is told "no."								

Source: Putnam, S. P., & Rothbart, M. K. (2006). Development of Short and Very Short forms of the Children's Behavior Questionnaire. *Journal of Personality Assessment, 87 (1)*, 103-113. Used with permission.



Student-Teacher Relationship

Teachers rated 15 items from the Student-Teacher Relationship Scale (STRS) to measure the teacher's perception of the closeness and conflict in his/her relationship with the student. The items from the STRS are not listed because the scale is copyright protected.

Source: Pianta, R.C. & Steinberg, M. (Eds.) (1992). Teacher-child relationships and the process of adjusting to school. San Francisco, CA, US: Jossey-Bass. Used with permission.



Student Information

1.	In which grade is this child enrolled? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Kindergarten (Full-day program)
	Kindergarten (Part-day program)
	First grade or higher
	This is an ungraded classroom
2.	How long has this child been in your classroom this school year? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Entire school year
	More than one semester but less than the entire school year
	More than one quarter but less than one semester
	Less than one quarter of the school year
3.	Please indicate the total number of absences for this child for the current school year. MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	No absences
	1 to 4 absences
	5 to 7 absences
	8 to 10 absences
	11 to 19 absences
	20 or more absences
4.	Has this child ever fallen 2 or more weeks behind in school work this year? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	☐ Yes
	No (SKIP TO Q 6)
	Not applicable (child has been enrolled in your class less than 2 weeks) (SKIP TO Q 6)



5.	Wh	y has this child fallen behind in school work? /	MARK ALL THAT	APPLY.		
	a.	A health problem				
	b.	A disciplinary problem				
	C.	Lack of effort				
	d.	Disorganized				
	e.	Lacks pre-requisite skills				
	f.	Frequent absences				
	g.	Emotional/family problems				
	h.	Some other reason (PLEASE SPECIFY)				
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6.		es this child receive (or has he/she received dur following types of programs in your school? N	-			ny of
				Yes	No	
	a.	Individual tutoring remedial program in reading/lan	guage arts			
	b.	Individual tutoring remedial program in mathematic	cs			
	C.	Pull-out (that is, out of classroom) small group rem reading/language arts	edial program in			
	d.	Pull-out (that is, out of classroom) small group remein mathematics	edial program			
	e.	Gifted and talented program in reading/language a	rts			
	f.	Gifted and talented program in mathematics				
7.	rela	es this child receive (or has he/she received during ted services in your school at any of the following RK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.				
			Yes	No	offered	know
	a.	Instruction or services before school				
	b.	Instruction or services after school				
	C.	Instruction or services on weekends				



8.	Is English this child's native language? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes (SKIP TO Q 13)
	No
	Don't know
9.	Does this shild norticinate in an instructional program designed to tooch English language
9.	Does this child participate in an instructional program designed to teach English language skills to children with limited English proficiency? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes
	No (SKIP TO Q 13)
10.	Would you say the instruction this child receives is primarily MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	English as a Second Language (ESL)?
	Bilingual education?
	Dual-language education?
	English-only instruction?
	Some other type of instruction? (PLEASE SPECIFY)
11.	How often AND how much time does this child usually receive specialized language instruction (ESL, bilingual education, dual-language program), whether as part of a whole class, in a small group, or in an individualized arrangement?
	11a. How many days? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Never
	Less than 1 day a week
	1 day a week
	2 days a week
	3 days a week
	4 days a week
	5 days a week



	110	. How much time per day (on the days instruction is received)? MA	RK ONE RE	SPONSE.
		Less than ½ hour a day		
		1/2 hour to less than 1 hour a day		
		1 to less than 1½ hours a day		
		1½ to less than 2 hours a day		
		2 to less than 2½ hours a day		
		2½ to less than 3 hours a day		
		3 hours or more a day		
12.		ing this school year, how often is this child's <u>academic instruction</u> prove language? MARK ONE RESPONSE.	rovided in I	his/her
		None of the time		
		Less than half of the time		
		Half of the time		
		More than half of the time		
		Almost all the time		
13.	Doe	es this child have an IEP/IFSP on record with the school? MARK ONE	RESPONSE	≣.
		Yes		
		No		
14.		es this child receive instruction in any of the following types of progra RK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.	ams in you	r school?
			Yes	<u>No</u>
	a.	Speech-language therapy for children with speech or language disorders/impairments		
	b.	Special education services, not including speech therapy, whether provided in the classroom or in a pull-out setting		



15.	proficiency) to participate in the school's testing or assessment program? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	Yes
	☐ No
	Don't know
	Child does not participate in the school's testing or assessment program
	There is no testing or assessment program at this grade level
16.	During structured play time, how does this child compare with other children in the class in terms of physical activity? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	A lot less active than most
	A little less active than most
	About the same as most
	A little more active than most
	A lot more active than most
17.	During unstructured play time, how does this child compare with other children in the class in terms of physical activity? MARK ONE RESPONSE.
	A lot less active than most
	A little less active than most
	About the same as most
	A little more active than most
	A lot more active than most



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Achievement Group

18. Overall, how would you rate this child's academic skills in each of the following areas, compared to other children of the same grade level? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.

	Far below average	Below average	Average	Above average	Far above average			
a. Language and literacy skills								
b. Mathematical skills								
c. Science								
d. Social Studies								
How many achievement groups in READING do you currently have in this child's class? MARK ONE RESPONSE. I do not use achievement groups for reading (SKIP TO Q 21) Two Three Four Five or more								
In which reading group is this child currently placed? USE "1" FOR THE HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT GROUP. WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE ACHIEVEMENT GROUP BELOW.								



21.	How many achievement groups in MATHEMATICS do you currently have in this child's class? MARK ONE RESPONSE.							
		I do not use achievement groups for mathematics (SKI	P TO Q 23)					
		Two						
		Three						
		Four						
		Five or more						
22.		which mathematics group is this child currently place HIEVEMENT GROUP. WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE A						
		Achievement Group						
23.		ring this school year, have this child's parents/guardivities? MARK ONE RESPONSE ON EACH ROW.	dians particip	oated in the fo	llowing			
					Not			
			Yes	No	applicable/ not offered			
	a.	Attended regularly-scheduled conferences at your school						
	b.	Attended parent/teacher informal meetings that you initiated to talk about the child's progress						
	C.	Returned your telephone calls or e-mails						
	d.	Initiated contact with you						
	e.	Volunteered to help in your classroom or school						



24.	MARK ONE RESPONSE.				
	Not involved at all				
	Somewhat involve	ed			
	Very involved				
	Don't know				
25.	During this school year, besides regular teacher conferences, have you communicated with this child's parents/guardians? MARK ONE RESPONSE.				
	Yes				
	No (SKIP TO Q 2	7)			
26.	Was the purpose of the communication with this child's parents/guardians to discuss MARK YES OR NO ON EACH ROW.				
	5		Yes -	No 🗔	
		s the child is having in school?	ᆜ	Ц	
	b. Any problems the	child is having with school work?			
	c. Anything the child well in or better in	is doing particularly at school?			
27.	Are you this child's p	rimary teacher in the following subje	ct areas? MARK \	ES OR NO ON	
			Yes	No	
	a. Reading/Language	e Arts			
	b. Mathematics				
	c. Science				
	d. Social Studies				



28.	ONE RESPONSE.			
	Receive less than a high school diploma?			
	Graduate from high school?			
	Finish a four- or five-year college degree? Earn an advanced degree?			
29.	DATE QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETED:			
	MONTH DAY YEAR			

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION





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