

Appendix B Teacher Web-Based Survey #2

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You may want your lesson planner in front of you to answer some of the questions.

Identification

1. Please type your first and last name here _____

Background

2a. **Before** this 2006-2007 school year, how many years had you worked either as a FULL-TIME or at least a HALF-TIME school teacher? **Provide number only.** Years taught _____

2b. Before this 2006-2007 school year, how many years had you taught **mathematics**? Please indicate the number of years _____

2c. Before this 2006-2007 school year, how many years had you taught **science**? Please indicate the number of years _____

3. What type(s) of teaching certificate(s) do you hold in Alabama? **Mark all that apply.**

- Regular or standard state or advanced professional certificate
- Probationary certificate (the initial certificate issued after satisfying all requirements except the completion of a probationary period)
- Provisional or other type of certificate given to persons who are still participating in what the state calls an "alternative certification program"
- Temporary certificate (requires some additional college coursework and/or other student teaching before regular certification can be obtained).
- Emergency certificate or waiver (issued to persons with insufficient teacher preparation who must complete a regular certification program in order to continue teaching.
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certificate
- Specific certificates for teaching bilingual, multicultural, Limited-English, or special education students
- No certificate

4. What degrees did you hold by the beginning of this 2006-2007 school year? **Please check all that apply.**

- Associate Degree
- Bachelor's Degree (B.A., B.S., B.E., etc.)
- Master's Degree (M.A., M.A.T., M.B.A., M.Ed., M.S., etc)
- Education specialist or professional diploma (at least one year beyond master's level)
- Doctorate or first professional degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., M.D., L.L.B., J.D., D.D.S.)
- Other, please list _____

5. What was the major field of study for your bachelor's degree?

- Does not apply Math
- Elementary Education Science
- Middle School Education Other _____
- High School Education

6. If applicable, what is the major field of study for the highest degree you hold beyond your bachelor's degree?

7. **During the past two weeks**, what curricular and other print materials did you use to teach *mathematics and/or science*? **Mark all that apply.**

AMSTI supplied: (Please list)

- A+ Learning Computer Program
 - Accelerated Math
 - Alabama Course of Study
 - Alabama Science in Motion
 - Carolina Biological
 - CPO Science
 - Edutest
 - Glencoe
 - Harcourt Brace
 - Holt Science
 - Houghton Mifflin
 - Integrated Science
 - Lightspan
 - Macmillan
 - Math for Today
 - McGraw-Hill
 - Saxon Math
 - Scholastic
 - Science World
 - Scott Foresman Science
 - SRA Intervention Math
 - Other: (Please list)
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Math Instructional Strategies

8. Do you currently teach mathematics?

Yes (Go to question 9a)

No (Go to question 19a)

The following questions are attempting to understand the number of hours that students receive of each type of instruction. Each question asks you to reflect upon the last two weeks (ten full days) of instruction.

9a. **Think back on your last two weeks (10 full days) of instruction:** approximately how many minutes did your students spend doing math in your class? *Please be sure to consider all activities, including discussion, lecture, reading, watching video, hands-on activities, worksheets, and activities that integrate math with other subjects.*

Minutes of math instruction _____

9b. The number in question 9a represents my minutes of instruction

- Daily
- Weekly
- For two weeks

9c. How many math classes (i.e. different groups of students) do you teach?

- 1 (Go to question 9e)
- 2 (Go to question 9d)
- 3 (Go to question 9d)
- 4 (Go to question 9d)
- 5 (Go to question 9d)
- 6 (Go to question 9d)
- 7 (Go to question 9d)
- 8 (Go to question 9d)
- Other, please specify _____ (Go to question 9d)

9d. Is the number in question 9a the sum of the minutes for all math classes or the average minutes per class?

- Sum
- Average

9e. For the remainder of the math instruction section of this survey, please continue to calculate your responses in the same manner as you did for question 9a.

- OK

10. Consider the following description of Inquiry-Based Instruction in which students do ***all*** of the following activities as part of the learning process:

- Make observations
- Pose questions
- Examine books and other sources of information to see what is already known
- Plan investigations
- Review what is already known in light of experimental evidence
- Use tools to *gather, analyze, and interpret data*
- Propose answers, explanations, and predictions
- Communicate the results

During the past two weeks, approximately how many minutes did students participate in **Inquiry-Based Instruction** in your math class?

Minutes of inquiry-based math instruction _____

11. During the past two weeks, approximately how many minutes did students participate in **hands-on math activities** (involving active participation; applied, as opposed to theoretical)? Please enter the total number of minutes.

Minutes of hands-on math instruction _____

12. **During the past two weeks**, how many minutes were your students engaged in math activities that required **higher-order thinking skills**? (i.e., where students advance from skills such as *focusing* and *information gathering* to skills such as *integrating* and *evaluating*.) Please enter the total number of minutes.

Minutes of higher-order thinking skills in math _____

13. **During the past two weeks**, about how much time did you teach using **AMSTI supplied print materials**? Please enter the total number of minutes. If you do not teach AMSTI, please enter "0."

Minutes using AMSTI supplied math print materials _____

14. **During the past two weeks**, what type of **math assessments** did you use in your classroom? Please check all that apply.

- Informal assessments, such as questioning and observation, to gauge student learning
- Formative paper and pencil assessments (i.e., assessments that occur regularly throughout the year in order to inform instruction)
- Performance-based assessments (i.e., assessing students based on their application of knowledge, skills, and work habits through the performance of tasks that are meaningful and engaging to students)
- Standardized assessments
- Other, please describe _____
- I did not administer any math assessments

Math Professional Development

15a. The following questions refer to math Professional Development (PD) activities in which you have participated **during the past month**.

For AMSTI: Please include any professional development you have received as part of the AMSTI program or in any way connected with AMSTI.

For Non-AMSTI: Please include all non-AMSTI professional development you have received.

During the past month, how much professional development have you received for your math program. **Please do not include support or collaboration meetings.** Please enter the total hours of training in each box.

AMSTI Mathematics _____

Non-AMSTI Mathematics _____

15b. To what extent have the **math** professional development activities increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

- _____ Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching
- _____ Your ability to use new teaching methods
- _____ Your ability to teach basic skills and facts
- _____ Your classroom management strategies
- _____ Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students
- _____ Your students' academic achievement
- _____ The way you assess student work

16a. **During the past month**, how many times did you **try** contacting someone for **support** (e.g., for mentoring or coaching) with math instruction?

AMSTI Mathematics Total Times _____

Non-AMSTI Mathematics Total Times _____

16b. **During the past month**, how many times did someone actually **provide support** (e.g., for mentoring or coaching) with math instruction?

AMSTI Mathematics Total Times _____

Non-AMSTI Mathematics Total Times _____

16c. To what extent have the **math support** activities listed in question 16b increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

- _____ Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching
- _____ Your ability to use new teaching methods
- _____ Your ability to teach basic skills and facts
- _____ Your classroom management strategies
- _____ Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students
- _____ Your students' academic achievement
- _____ The way you assess student work

17a. **During the past month**, how frequently have you had **collaboration meetings** with other teachers (e.g., for planning lessons) for math?

1=Never, 2=Once or twice, 3=At least weekly, 4=Daily, NA= Not applicable

AMSTI Mathematics _____

Non-AMSTI Mathematics _____

17b. To what extent have the **math collaboration** activities listed in question 17a increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

- Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching
- Your ability to use new teaching methods
- Your ability to teach basic skills and facts
- Your classroom management strategies
- Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students
- Your students' academic achievement
- The way you assess student work

18. **During the past two weeks**, how many hours (both paid and unpaid time) did you spend planning your math lessons? Please enter the **total** number of hours.

Math _____

Science Instructional Strategies

19. Do you currently teach science?

- Yes (Go to question 20a)
- No (Go to question 30)

The following questions are attempting to understand the number of hours that students receive of each type of instruction. Each question asks you to reflect upon the last two weeks (ten full days) of instruction.

20a. **Think back on your last two weeks (10 full days) of instruction:** approximately how many minutes did your students spend doing science in your class? *Please be sure to consider all activities, including discussion, lecture, reading, watching video, hands-on activities, worksheets, and activities that integrate science with other subjects.*

Minutes of science instruction _____

20b. The number in question 20a represents my minutes of instruction

- Daily
- Weekly
- For two weeks

20c. How many science classes (i.e. different groups of students) do you teach?

- 1 (Go to question 20e)
- 2 (Go to question 20d)
- 3 (Go to question 20d)
- 4 (Go to question 20d)
- 5 (Go to question 20d)
- 6 (Go to question 20d)
- 7 (Go to question 20d)
- 8 (Go to question 20d)
- Other, please specify _____ (Go to question 20d)

20d. Is the number in question 20a the sum of the minutes for all science classes or the average minutes per class?

Sum

Average

20e. For the remainder of the science instruction section of this survey, please continue to calculate your responses in the same manner as you did for question 20a.

OK

21. Consider the following description of Inquiry-Based Instruction in which students do ***all*** of the following activities as part of the learning process:

- Make observations
- Pose questions
- Examine books and other sources of information to see what is already known
- Plan investigations
- Review what is already known in light of experimental evidence
- Use tools to *gather, analyze, and interpret data*
- Propose answers, explanations, and predictions
- Communicate the results

During the past two weeks, approximately how many minutes did students participate in **Inquiry-Based Instruction** in your science class?

Minutes of inquiry-based science instruction _____

22. **During the past two weeks**, approximately how many minutes did students participate in **hands-on science activities** (involving active participation; applied, as opposed to theoretical)? Please enter the total number of minutes.

Minutes of hands-on science instruction _____

23. **During the past two weeks**, how many minutes were your students engaged in science activities that required **higher-order thinking skills**? (i.e., where students advance from skills such as *focusing* and *information gathering* to skills such as *integrating* and *evaluating*.) Please enter the total number of minutes.

Minutes of higher-order thinking skills in science _____

24. **During the past two weeks**, about how much time did you teach using **AMSTI supplied print materials**? Please enter the total number of minutes. If you do not teach AMSTI, please enter "0."

Minutes using AMSTI supplied science print materials _____

25. **During the past two weeks**, what type of **science assessments** did you use in your classroom? Please check all that apply.

- Informal assessments, such as questioning and observation, to gauge student learning
- Formative paper and pencil assessments (i.e., assessments that occur regularly throughout the year in order to inform instruction)
- Performance-based assessments (i.e., assessing students based on their application of knowledge, skills, and work habits through the performance of tasks that are meaningful and engaging to students)
- Standardized assessments
- Other, please describe _____
- I did not administer any science assessments

Science Professional Development

26a. The following questions refer to science Professional Development (PD) activities in which you have participated **during the past month**.

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For Non-AMSTI: Please include all non-AMSTI professional development you have received.

During the past month, how much professional development have you received for your science program. **Please do not include support or collaboration meetings.** Please enter the total hours of training in each box.

AMSTI Science _____

Non-AMSTI Science _____

26b. To what extent have the science professional development activities increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

- _____ Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching
- _____ Your ability to use new teaching methods
- _____ Your ability to teach basic skills and facts
- _____ Your classroom management strategies
- _____ Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students
- _____ Your students' academic achievement
- _____ The way you assess student work

27a. **During the past month**, how many times did you **try** contacting someone for **support** (e.g., for mentoring or coaching) with science instruction?

AMSTI Science Total Times _____

Non-AMSTI Science Total Times _____

27b. **During the past month**, how many times did someone actually **provide support** (e.g., for mentoring or coaching) with science instruction?

AMSTI Science Total Times _____

Non-AMSTI Science Total Times _____

27c. To what extent have the **science support** activities listed in question 27b increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

_____ Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching

_____ Your ability to use new teaching methods

_____ Your ability to teach basic skills and facts

_____ Your classroom management strategies

_____ Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students

_____ Your students' academic achievement

_____ The way you assess student work

28a. **During the past month**, how frequently have you had **collaboration meetings** with other teachers (e.g., for planning lessons) for science?

1=Never, 2=Once or twice, 3=At least weekly, 4=Daily, NA= Not applicable

AMSTI Science _____

Non-AMSTI Science s _____

28b. To what extent have the **science collaboration** activities listed in question 28a increased the following?

1= Not at all or very little, 2=To some extent, 3= A great deal, NA= Not applicable

_____ Your ability to incorporate technology into your teaching

_____ Your ability to use new teaching methods

_____ Your ability to teach basic skills and facts

_____ Your classroom management strategies

_____ Your ability to teach critical thinking skills to your students

_____ Your students' academic achievement

_____ The way you assess student work

29. **During the past two weeks**, how many hours (both paid and unpaid time) did you spend planning your Science lessons? Please enter the **total** number of hours.

Science _____

Planning Time

30. **During the past two weeks**, how may hours (both paid and unpaid time) did you spend planning your math and/or science lessons? Please enter the **total** number of hours.

a. Math _____

b. Science _____

Additional Information

31. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your math and/or science program or about this survey?
