

Principal Survey 2010

Welcome to the Vanderbilt University study of Middle School Mathematics and the Institutional Setting of Teaching (MIST) 2010 Survey!

This survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. For each of the following questions, unless otherwise directed, please mark the one answer that best describes your experiences as principal during the current school year (including last summer). Please answer every question unless directed otherwise.

 ${\it The first few questions pertain to DISTRICT LEADERSHIP in mathematics instruction.}$

1) Have district leaders clearly communicated what they	Yes	No
expect mathematics instruction to look like in your		
school?	O	O

If you answered 'No' to question 1, please skip to question 3.

	Yes	No
2) Is the district's view of high quality mathematics instruction consistent with your own?	0	0

3) To what extent do district leaders expect you to do the following things?	Not At All	Small Extent	Moderate Extent	Great Extent
a. Ensure that mathematics teachers have regularly scheduled time for collaborating with other mathematics teachers.	0	0	0	0
b. Arrange for school level professional development for mathematics teachers that is organized around the district's mathematics curriculum.	0	0	0	0
c. Regularly observe mathematics teachers' instruction.	0	0	0	\circ
d. Provide feedback to mathematics teachers that is consistent with the district's view of high quality mathematics instruction.	0	0	0	0
e. Provide mathematics teachers with instructional materials that are consistent with the district's view of high quality mathematics instruction.	0	0	0	0
f. Increase students' mathematics scores on state tests.	0	0	0	0
g. Help teachers identify people who can help them develop instructional practices consistent with the district's view of high quality mathematics instruction.	0	0	0	0
h. Help mathematics teachers use state and/or district assessment data to improve their instruction.	0	0	0	0

4) To what extent do you try to satisfy your district	Not At All	Small Extent	Moderate Extent	Great Extent
leaders' expectations?	0	0	0	0

The next question pertains to ALL TEACHERS at your school.

5) This question concerns how teachers interact in your school. Please indicate about how many teachers in your school do each of the following:	No Teachers	Some Teachers	Most Teachers	All Teachers	Don't Know
a. Work together to develop curriculum and instructional materials	0	0	0	0	0
b. Observe each other teaching	0	0	0	0	0
c. Offer advice or help to each other	0	0	0	0	0
d. Share ideas on teaching	0	0	0	0	0
e. Promote innovative teaching practices	0	0	0	0	0

The next question pertains to only the MATHEMATICS TEACHERS at your school.

-	How frequently do mathematics teachers have regularly scheduled time during the	Not At All	1-2 Times Per Week	3-4 Times Per Week	Daily
	school day to meet?	0	0	0	0

The next few questions pertain to your interactions with MATHEMATICS TEACHERS at your school.

7) This question concerns <u>mathematics teachers</u> at your school. So far this school year (including last summer), to what extent have	E	Expected to	Do	Consequences for Not Doing			
you expected your mathematics teachers to do the following activities, and to what extent would there be consequences if they did not (none, minimal, or severe)? (If you choose "not at all" in the first part, leave the second part blank.)	Not At	Moderate Extent	Great Extent	None	Minimal	Severe	
a. Adhere to a prescribed pacing in their instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	
b. Make sure their students' test scores improve	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c. Address the state/district objectives and standards	0	0	0	0	0	0	
d. Have whole classroom discussion in which students explain how they solved tasks	0	0	0	0	0	0	
e. Have small group discussion in which students explain how they solved tasks	0	0	0	0	0	0	
f. Use the adopted curriculum as a basis for their classroom instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	
g. Keep students quiet and disciplined during classroom instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	
h. Use challenging, problem-solving tasks with their students	0	0	0	0	0	0	
i. Use students' current mathematical thinking to inform their instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	
j. Collaborate with other mathematics teachers	0	0	0	0	0	0	
k. Observe others' mathematics teaching	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Use me as a resource when instructional problems arise	0	0	0	0	0	0	
m. Make their lesson plans available for review	0	0	0	0	0	0	
n. Assist other mathematics teachers in improving their instruction	0	0	0	0	0	0	

	8) So far this school year, how many hours have you typically spent observing mathematics instruction each week?										
0	0	0	2	\circ	4	\circ	6	\circ	8	\circ	10
0	0.5	\bigcirc	2.5	\bigcirc	4.5	\bigcirc	6.5	\bigcirc	8.5	\bigcirc	more than 10
0	1	0	3	\bigcirc	5	\bigcirc	7	\circ	9		
0	1.5	0	3.5	0	5.5	0	7.5	0	9.5		

9) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?			Neither		
My purpose in visiting mathematics teachers' classrooms is to	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Assist them in improving their teaching	0	0	0	0	0
b. Formally evaluate their teaching	0	0	0	0	0
c. Gain a greater understanding of mathematics instruction in my school	0	0	0	0	0
d. Monitor teachers' use of a particular instructional tool (e.g., rubrics, curriculum, curriculum planning guide)	0	0	0	0	0
e. Monitor teachers to see if they are implementing an instructional strategy suggested in professional development	0	0	0	0	0
f. Be visible in the school	0	0	0	0	0
g. Support teachers with classroom management of student behavior	0	0	0	0	0
h. Model instruction in mathematics	0	0	0	0	0
i. Check on particular students' progress in mathematics	0	0	0	0	0

	Yes	No
10) Does your school have a mathematics coach?	0	0

The next few questions pertain to your interactions with personnel at your school in mathematics-related activities.

11) So far this school year (including last summer), how often have you worked with faculty at your school on the following? In the first column, please indicate the frequency you have worked on each activity this year. Then, in the second column, please indicate the one person with whom you worked most often on each activity. (If you answer "never" in part one, please leave part two blank.)	Frequency	Person	
Worked to align mathematics curriculum with state standards	○ Never○ 1-2 times○ 3-5 times○ 6-10 times○ more than 10 times	Mathematics coachMathematics teacherOther	
b. Interpreted district or state mathematics standards	○ Never○ 1-2 times○ 3-5 times○ 6-10 times○ more than 10 times	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	
c. Reviewed the mathematical ideas underlying instructional units	 ○ Never ○ 1-2 times ○ 3-5 times ○ 6-10 times ○ more than 10 times 	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	
d. Discussed the extent to which teachers are effectively using the curriculum	○ Never○ 1-2 times○ 3-5 times○ 6-10 times○ more than 10 times	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	
e. Analyzed student performance data (i.e., state test scores)	 ○ Never ○ 1-2 times ○ 3-5 times ○ 6-10 times ○ more than 10 times 	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	
f. Planned strategies to help teachers learn to use the curriculum effectively	 ○ Never ○ 1-2 times ○ 3-5 times ○ 6-10 times ○ more than 10 times 	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	
g. Discussed strategies for motivating teachers to want to change their practices	 ○ Never ○ 1-2 times ○ 3-5 times ○ 6-10 times ○ more than 10 times 	○ Mathematics coach○ Mathematics teacher○ Other	

12) So far this school year (including last summer), to what extent have you sought the advice of someone at your school when doing the following? For each activity for which you sought advice, please note to the right the one person whose advice you sought most often. (If you answer "not at all" in part one, please leave part two blank.)	Extent	Person
a. Evaluating mathematics teachers	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach
b. Purchasing instructional materials for mathematics	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach
c. Planning professional development on mathematics instruction	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach
d. Assigning teachers to specific mathematics classes	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach
e. Making decisions about adopting supplementary mathematics programs	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach
f. Recruiting/hiring new mathematics teachers	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach

13) So far this school year (including last summer), to what extent has someone at your school done the following? Please indicate the one person who did each activity most often. (If you answer "not a all" in part one, please leave part two blan	t			Extent			Perso	n
a. Helped me understand the challenges involved in teaching mathematics effective	ely		Го а Го а	at all small extent moderate exte great extent	nt		hematics te	
b. Provided me with information on innovati instructional practices in mathematics	ve	Not at all To a small extent			_	athematics teacher athematics coach		
c. Reported to me about the quality of teacher classroom instruction	ers'	○ Not at all ○ To a small extent ○ To a moderate extent ○ To a great extent				○ Mathematics teacher○ Mathematics coach		
d. Helped me understand how students' mathematical reasoning develops		○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent			_	Mathematics teacher Mathematics coach		
14) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?		ongl		Disagree	Dis	ither agree Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. My vision of mathematics instruction is consistent with that of my school's mathematics coach.	0 0 0		0	0	0			
15) So far this school year (including last summer), how much time in total hours you spent in professional development workshops or seminars in mathematics mathematics education?		re	0000	Less than 6-15 16-35				

The next few questions pertain to the school or district professional development you have received so far this school year (including last summer).

16) So far this school year (including last summer), to what extent have the following topics been addressed in principal professional development sessions? If they were addressed, to what extent have they impacted how you work with mathematics teachers in your school? (If you answer "not at all" in part one, please leave part two blank.)	Topic Was Addressed	Topic Impacted Work with Teachers
a. Explaining the curriculum to mathematics teachers	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
b. Providing clear expectations for teachers with regards to implementing the mathematics curriculum	O Not at all O To a small extent O To a moderate extent O To a great extent	○ Not at all ○ To a small extent ○ To a moderate extent ○ To a great extent
c. Explicitly defining what students should learn in mathematics	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
d. Ensuring that evaluation and assessment of students align with state and/or district standards	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
e. Coaching teachers in the implementation of the mathematics curriculum	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
f. Meeting state standards or assessment requirements	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
g. Analyzing students' mathematics work	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
h. Understanding how students' mathematical reasoning develops	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent
i. Deepening my knowledge of mathematics	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent	○ Not at all○ To a small extent○ To a moderate extent○ To a great extent

(#16 continued)	Topic Was Addressed	Topic Impacted Work with Teachers	
	O Not at all	O Not at all	
j. Leading discussions where students have to	O To a small extent	O To a small extent	
justify their mathematics solutions	O To a moderate extent	○ To a moderate extent	
	O To a great extent	○ To a great extent	
la TTaina alkallamaina mushlama adaina 4-da	O Not at all	O Not at all	
	○ To a small extent	○ To a small extent	
k. Using challenging, problem-solving tasks	O To a moderate extent	○ To a moderate extent	
	O To a great extent	○ To a great extent	
	O Not at all	○ Not at all	
1. Strategies to engage all students in	○ To a small extent	○ To a small extent	
challenging, problem-solving tasks	O To a moderate extent	○ To a moderate extent	
	O To a great extent	○ To a great extent	
	O Not at all	○ Not at all	
m. Understanding the central mathematical	O To a small extent	○ To a small extent	
ideas in the curriculum	O To a moderate extent	○ To a moderate extent	
	O To a great extent	○ To a great extent	

17) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about district-sponsored professional development sessions for principals this school year (including last summer)? Professional development sessions	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Included opportunities to work productively with other principals	O	O	O	O	O
b. Advocated instructional practices in mathematics I do not believe in	0	0	0	0	0
c. Led me to encourage my mathematics teachers to use new instructional approaches	0	0	0	0	0
d. Led me to change my expectations for mathematics teachers' classroom practices	0	0	0	0	0
e. Led me to change my views about what counts as high-quality mathematics instruction	0	0	0	0	0
f. Were successfully linked to each other to form a coherent program (and not just a bunch of disjointed sessions)	0	0	0	0	0

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g. Consistent with the way my school performance is evaluated	ol's	0	0		0	С)	0
h. Consistent with my own goals for mathematics instruction	-	0	0		0	0		0
18) Based on your experience in pr sessions this school year (includ made efforts to introduce chang teaching at your school? If you answered 'No' to question 18,	ing last sun ges in mathe	mer), l	have you		Yes			No O
19) Consider changes you have tried to make in mathematics teaching based on what you learned in professional development sessions this school year (including last summer). What has been the response of the following people to those efforts?	Strong Resistance	s	ome istance	Neith Resista or Supp	nce	Som Suppo	-	Strong Support
a. Assistant principal(s)	0		\circ	\circ		\circ		0
b. Mathematics coach	0		0	0		0		0
c. Mathematics teachers	0		0	0		0		0
20) During this school year (include summer) is there a person year			Yes				No	
summer), is there a person you turned to for advice or informatics?			\circ				\bigcirc	

If you answered 'No' to question 20, please skip to question 46.

21) During this school year (including last summer), to whom have you turned for advice or information about teaching mathematics? Please write full first and last names (if known), and give a brief description of that person's role or position.

Name:	
Role:	
22) What type(s) of advice or information do y apply.	ou seek from this person? Please check all that
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 Sharing materials, or activities 	
Updating one another on a student or student	ents' progress in mathematics.
Other (please specify):	
	O Daily or almost daily
23) How often do you seek advice or	Once or twice per week
information from this person?	Once or twice per month
	O A few times per year
24) How influential is his/her advice on your	O Not at all
work?	○ Somewhat
25) During this school year (including last	○ Very
summer), is there another person you	○ Yes
have turned to for advice or information	
about teaching mathematics?	
you answered 'No' to question 25, please skip to	o question 46.

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During this school year (including last summer), to whom have you turned for advice or

and give a brief description of that person's role or position.

Name:

information about teaching mathematics? Please write full first and last names (if known),

27) What type(s) of advice or information do y apply.	you seek from this person? Please check all that		
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Updating one another on a student or stud	ents progress in mathematics.		
Other (please specify):			
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information from this person?	Once or twice per month		
	○ A few times per year		
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29) How influential is his/her advice on your	○ Somewhat		
work?	○ Very		
30) During this school year (including last	O very		
	○ Yes		
summer), is there another person you			
have turned to for advice or information	○ No		
about teaching mathematics?			
If you answered 'No' to question 30, please skip to	o question 46.		
21) During this school year (including last own	amon) to whom have you turned for advice or		
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information from this person?	Once or twice per month					
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work?	○ Very					
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summer), is there another person you	○ Yes					
have turned to for advice or information						
about teaching mathematics?						
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If you answered 'No' to question 35, please skip to	o question 40.					
36) During this school year (including last sum information about teaching mathematics? and give a brief description of that person	Please write full first and last names (if known),					
Name:						
Role:						

37) What type(s) of advice or information do you seek from this person? Please check all that

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39) How influential is his/her advice on your	○ Not at all							
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	○ Very							
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42) What type(s) of advice or information do y	you seek from this person? Please check all that							

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	○ Very					
45) During this school year (including last						
summer), is there another person you	○ Yes					
have turned to for advice or information	○ No					
about teaching mathematics?						
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Lastly, we would like to ask you for some demogr	'aphic/biographic injormation.					
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46) What is your gender?	Female					

47) What is your ethnicity/race? Choose	 African American or Black Asian American Caucasian or White Hispanic Latino/Latina Native American 					
all that apply.						
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	Oth	er (pleas	e specify)	:		
48) In what year were you born? Write your response in the box to the right (Example: 1972).						
49) Considering all of your college and graduate education, how many college or university courses have you completed in the following subject areas? Each course should be counted only once. (Check the circle in each row that corresponds to the correct number.)	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
a. Methods of teaching mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Mathematics content courses for teachers (e.g., middle school mathematics for teachers)	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. Calculus and other advanced mathematics courses for which calculus was a prerequisite	0	0		0	0	0

⁵⁰⁾ Please describe your postsecondary degrees in the chart below. Indicate if you received each type of degree by putting a check in the box next to the type of degree. For each degree received, write in the appropriate information.

Type of degree (Mark all degrees you have received)	Full name of college or university	Major field of study	Minor field of study, if applicable
Associate's degree			
OBachelor's degree #1			
O Bachelor's degree #2			
○ Master's degree #1			
○ Master's degree #2			
Other (please describe):			
Please continue to the next page	е.		

51) How many years in total have you taught mathematics?	

52) How many years in total have you taught any subject?		
53) Counting this year, how many years total have you served as a principal?		
54) In what year did you become principal at this school? If you have had a break in service of one year or more, please report the year that you returned to the school (Example: 2001).		
55) Were you a teacher in the school in which you are now principal?	Yes	No
	0	0
56) If you answered 'yes' to #29, how many years total did you teach at this school before becoming principal? (Please write your answer in the box to the right.)		

You have completed the survey. Thank you very much for your time.

Notes

Question 5 is based on an item from Cohen D. K., & Hill, H. C. (2001). *Learning policy: When state education reform works*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Question 16i is based on an item from the American Institutes for Research (1999) Longitudinal Teacher Survey of Middle School Mathematics

Question 17a is based on an item from the Consortium on Chicago School Research (2003) Elementary School Principal Survey.

Questions 20, 21, 23, 24 (and similar items through question 44) are based on items from the Spillane Distributed Leadership Study, School Staff Survey.