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TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE STUDY

# Teacher Questionnaire

## <Grade 4>

<TIMSS National Research Center Name> <Address>





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### **Teacher** Questionnaire

Your school has agreed to participate in TIMSS 2023 (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study), an educational research project sponsored by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). TIMSS measures trends in student achievement in mathematics and science and studies differences in national education systems in more than 60 countries in order to help improve teaching and learning worldwide.

This questionnaire is addressed to teachers of <fourth grade> students, and seeks information about teachers' academic and professional backgrounds, classroom resources, instructional practices, and attitudes toward teaching. Since your class has been selected as part of a nationwide sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe primary/elementary education in <country>.

Some of the questions in the questionnaire refer to the "**TIMSS class**" or "**this class**." This is the class that is identified on the front of this booklet, and which will be tested as part of TIMSS in your school. If you teach some but not all of the students in the TIMSS class, please think only of the students that you teach when answering these class-specific questions. It is important that you answer each question carefully so that the information that you provide reflects your situation as accurately as possible. Since TIMSS is an international study and all countries are using the same questionnaire, you may find that some of the questions seem unusual or are not entirely relevant to you or schools in <country>. Nevertheless, it is important that you do your best to answer all of the questions so comparisons can be made across countries in the studies.

It is estimated that you will need approximately 35 minutes to complete this questionnaire. We appreciate the time and effort that this takes and thank you for your cooperation and contribution.

When you have completed the questionnaire, please place it in the accompanying envelope and return it to:

<Insert country-specific information here>.

Thank you.

# **TIMSS 2023**

## By the end of this school year, how many years will you have been teaching altogether?

\_\_\_\_\_ years Please **round** to the nearest whole number.

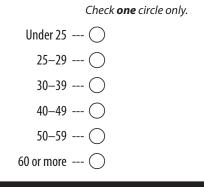
**G2** 

#### Which of these describes you?

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Female 🤇	)
Male 🤇	)
<0ther > (	)

**G**3

#### How old are you?



**G4** 

## What is the <u>highest</u> level of formal education you have completed?

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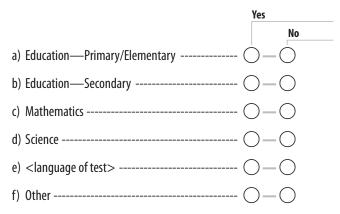
Did not complete < Upper secondary education—ISCED Level 3> --- () <Upper secondary education— ISCED Level  $3 > \dots$  () (If you have not completed <post-secondary or tertiary education>, go to #G6) <Post-secondary, non-tertiary education—ISCED Level 4> --- ( ) <Short-cycle tertiary education—ISCED Level 5>--- () <Bachelor's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 6> --- () <Master's or equivalent level—ISCED Level 7> --- () < Doctor or equivalent

level—ISCED Level 8> --- ()

#### **G5**

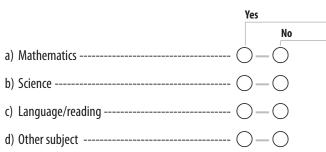
#### A. During your <post-secondary> education, what was your <u>major or main</u> area(s) of study?

Check one circle for each line.



B. If your major or main area of study was education, did you have a <specialization> in any of the following?

Check one circle for each line.



How would you characterize each of the following within your school?

Check one circle for each line.

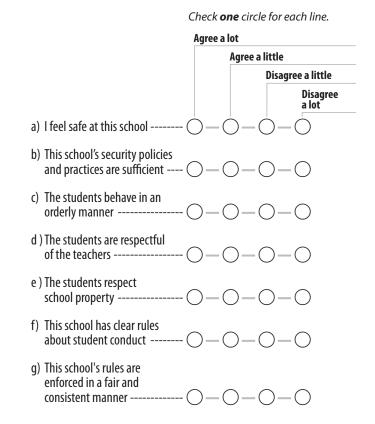
#### Very high High Medium Low Very low a) Teachers' understanding of the school's curricular goals --- () b) Teachers' degree of success in implementing the school's curriculum $----- \bigcirc -\bigcirc -\bigcirc -\bigcirc -\bigcirc$ c) Teachers' expectations for student achievement ----d) Teachers' ability to inspire students ----e) Parental involvement in school activities ------ O f) Parental commitment to ensure that students are ready to learn -----() q) Parental expectations for student achievement ------ ( ) — (

- i) Students' desire to do well in school ------
- j) Students' ability to reach school's academic goals ------ O -- O -- O
- k) Students' respect for classmates who excel academically ------

#### **School Environment**

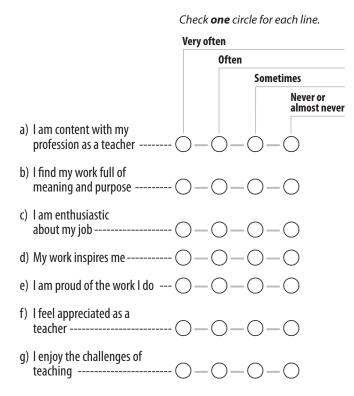
**G7** 

## How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your current school?



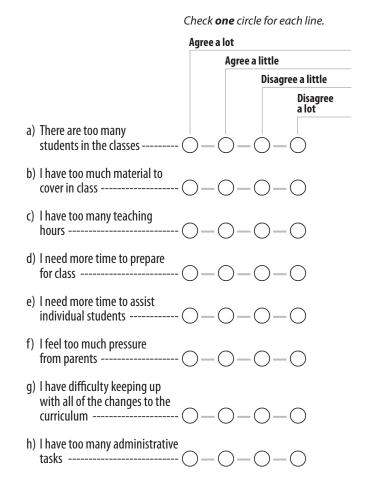


## How often do you have these feelings about being a teacher?



#### **G9**

## How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?



#### A. How many students are in this class?

\_\_\_\_\_ students *Write in the number.* 

## B. How many of the students in #G10A are in <fourth grade>?

\_\_\_\_\_ <fourth grade> students *Write in the number.* 

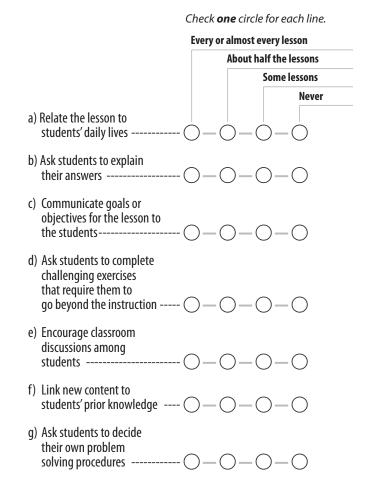
#### G11

## How many <fourth grade> students experience difficulties understanding <u>spoken</u> <language of test>?

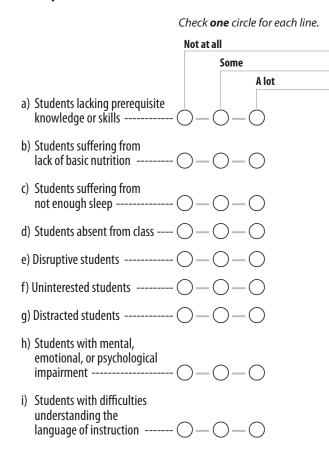
\_\_\_\_\_ students in this class *Write in the number*.

#### G12

## How often do you do the following in teaching this class?



## In your view, to what extent do the following limit how you teach this class?



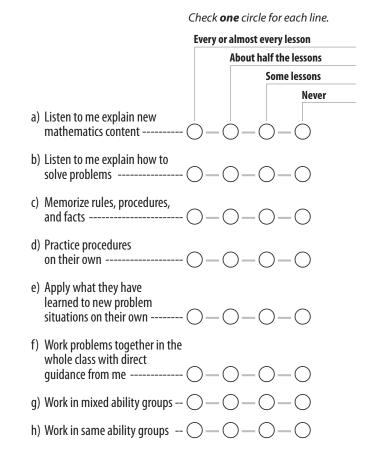
М1

In a typical week, how much time do you spend teaching mathematics to the students in this class?

\_\_\_\_\_ minutes per week Write in the number of minutes per week. Please convert the number of hours into minutes.

#### M2

In teaching mathematics to this class, how often do you ask students to do the following?



M3	
Are students in this class permitted to use calculators during mathematics lessons?	D. How often do you ask the students in your class to use digital devices to do these mathematics activities?
Check <b>one</b> circle only.	Check <b>one</b> circle for each line.
Yes, with unrestricted use O	At least once a week
Yes, with restricted use 🔘	Once or twice a month
No 🔘	A few times a year
M4	Never or
	almost never
A. Do the students in this class have digital devices (including computers, tablets, or smartphones) available to use during mathematics lessons?	a) Practice problems and procedures
Check <b>one</b> circle only. Yes 〇	b) Solve extended or contextualized problems O — O — O
No 🔘	c) Create graphs, tables, or other data displays O — O — O — O
(If No, go to #M5)	d) Play games involving mathematics calculations or concepts
If Yes,	
	e) Read the textbook or watch instructional videos
B. What access do the students have to digital devices?	f) Take a test
Check <b>one</b> circle for each line.	
Yes	M5
<ul> <li>a) The class has digital devices for each student to use</li> <li>b) The class has digital devices that students can</li> </ul>	How much do each of these keep you from incorporating digital devices into mathematics instruction?
share	Check <b>one</b> circle for each line.
c) The school has digital devices that the class can	Not at all
c) The school has digital devices that the class can use sometimes	Somewhat
d) Students bring their own digital devices $\bigcirc$ — $\bigcirc$	a) Not knowing how to
	use digital devices to improve
C. How often do you have students use digital	student learning
devices during mathematics instruction?	b) Not enough access to
Check <b>one</b> circle only.	b) Not enough access to digital devices
At least once a week 🔘	c) Keeping students on task
Once or twice a month 〇	when the class is using digital devices
A few times a year 🔘	d) Lack of technical support
Never or almost never 🔘	d) Lack of technical support from the school

**M6** 

The following list includes topics addressed by the TIMSS mathematics test. Choose the response that best describes when each topic is taught for students in this class.

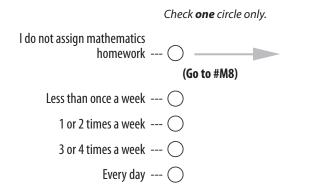
If a topic was in the curriculum before <fourth grade>, choose "Mostly taught before this year." If you have taught a topic this year, choose "Mostly taught this year." If a topic is not in the <fourth grade> curriculum for this year or you have not yet taught a topic, choose "Not yet taught."

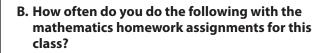
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	Mostly taught before this year
	Mostly taught this year
	Not yet taught
A. Number	
a) Recognize place value and order whole numbers	-0-0
b) Add and subtract up to 4-digit numbers	-0-0-0
c) Multiply up to 3-digit by 1-digit and 2-digit by 2-digit numbers	-0-0
d) Divide up to 3-digit by 1-digit numbers	-0-0
e) Solve problems with odd/even numbers, multiples, or factors	-0-0
f) Round or make estimations with whole numbers	-0-0-0
g) Find the missing number or operation in a number sentence	-0-0-0
h) Extend a number pattern or find the missing number in a pattern	-0-0
i) Represent, compare, and order fractions	-0-0
j) Add and subtract simple fractions	-0-0
k) Represent, compare, and order decimals up to two decimal places	-0-0
I) Add and subtract with decimals up to two decimal places	-0-0
B. Measurement and Geometry	
a) Measure, estimate, add, and subtract lengths	-0-0-0
b) Add and subtract mass, volume, or time in appropriate units	-0-0
c) Find perimeters of polygons	-0-0-0
d) Find areas of shapes covered with squares or volumes of shapes filled with cubes	-0-0-0
e) Recognize and draw parallel and perpendicular lines	-0-0-0
f) Compare and draw angles	-0-0-0
g) Describe and draw common two-dimensional shapes (e.g., circles, triangles, quadrilaterals)	-0-0
h) Describe and draw common three-dimensional shapes (e.g., cubes, rectangular solids, cones, cylinders, spheres)	-0-0
C. Data	
a) Read and interpret data displays	-0-0-0
b) Create or complete data displays	-0-0-0
c) Draw conclusions from two or more data sources	-0-0-0

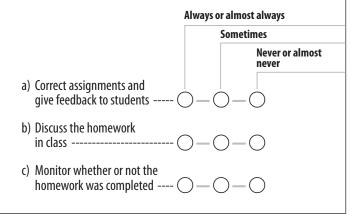


A. How often do you usually assign mathematics homework to the students in this class?





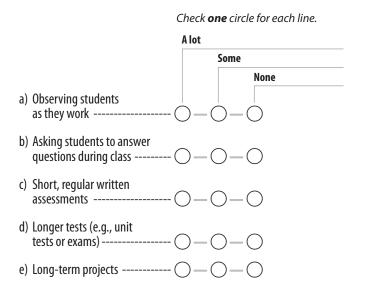
Check **one** circle for each line.



#### Mathematics Assessment of the TIMSS Class

**M8** 

How much importance do you place on these strategies to assess students' learning in mathematics?





A. In the past two years, have B. D. you participated in f professional development in any of the following?

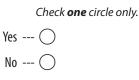
B. Do you need future professional development in any of the following?

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for each	line.	for each line.
	Yes	Yes
	No	No
a) Mathematics content (	) — () — ()	
b) Mathematics pedagogy/ instruction (	)-0	00
c) Mathematics curriculum (	)-O	
d) Integrating technology into mathematics instruction (	)-0	0-0
e) Improving students' critical thinking or problem solving skills (	)-0	0-0

g) Addressing individual students' needs		$\bigcirc -$	0
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f) Mathematics assessment - O ----- O -----

- **S1** 
  - A. Is science taught mainly as a separate subject (i.e., not integrated with other subjects) to the students in this class?

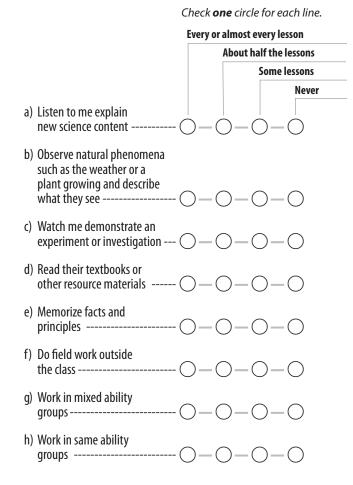


B. Please estimate the time that you spend on science topics with students in this class.

\_\_\_\_\_ minutes per week Write in the number of minutes per week. Please convert the number of hours into minutes.

**S2** 

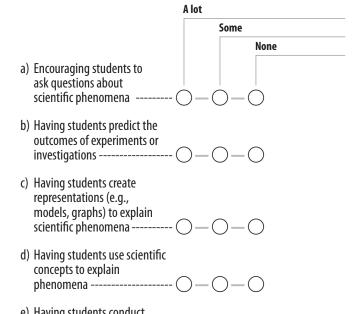
In teaching science to the students in this class, how often do you ask them to do the following?



**S3** 

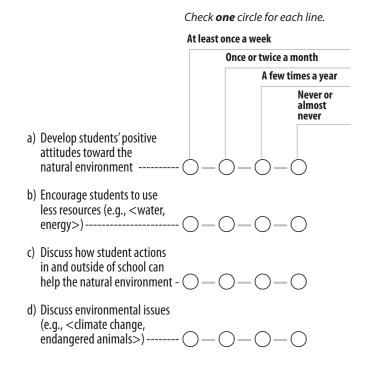
How much emphasis do you place on the following when teaching science to students in this class?

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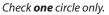
e) Having students conduct experiments (hands-on or virtually) ------ **S4** 

## How often do you do the following when teaching this class?



#### **S6**

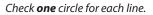
How much do you agree or disagree that education about environmental sustainability should be a priority for schools?

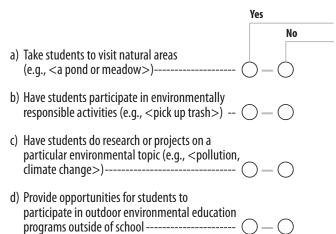


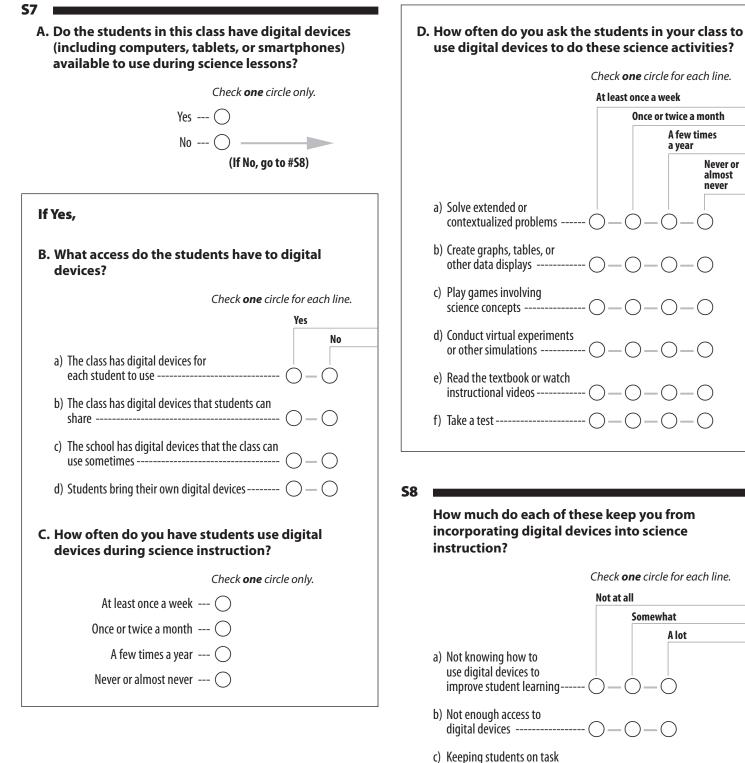


#### S5

## Do you do these things to teach students about environmental issues and sustainability?







- when the class is using digital devices ------
- d) Lack of technical support from the school ------

Never or almost never

**S9** 

The following list includes topics and concepts addressed by the TIMSS science test. Choose the response that best describes when each topic or concept is taught for students in this class.

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Check **one** circle for each line.

	Mostly taught before this year
	Mostly taught this year
A. Life Science	Not yet taught
a) Basic differences between living and nonliving things	) - 0 - 0
b) Defining characteristics of major groups of living things	)-0-0
c) Functions of major structures in living things (e.g., roots in plants)	)-0-0
d) Life cycle stages of common plants and animals (e.g., flowering plants, frogs)	)-0-0
e) Inherited characteristics of living things	)-0-0
f) How living things survive in their environments (e.g., physical characteristics, behaviors)	)-0-0
g) How human actions impact the environment	)-0-0
h) Common ecosystems and their organisms (e.g., forest, desert)	)-0-0
i) Interpreting simple food chains	)-0-0
j) Competition within ecosystems	)-O-O
k) Ways for humans to maintain good health and avoid illness	)-0-0
B. Physical Science	
a) Solids, liquids, gases, and how their shapes and volumes differ	)-0-0
b) Grouping objects based on their physical properties	)-0-0
c) Examples of mixtures and how they can be separated (e.g., filtration, evaporation)	)-0-0
d) Magnetic attraction and repulsion	)-0-0
e) Examples of physical and chemical changes in everyday life	)-0-0
f) How to make solids dissolve faster in liquids (e.g., stirring, heating)	)-0-0
g) Concentration of solutions	)-0-0
h) Sources of energy (e.g., the Sun, wind, water, coal, oil, and gas)	)-0-0
i) How light is related to shadows, reflections, and rainbows	)-0-0
j) How vibrations are related to sound	)-0-0
k) Movement of heat from hotter to cooler objects	)-0-0
I) Simple electrical circuits	)-0-0
m)How motion is affected by forces (e.g., gravity, pushing, pulling, friction)	)-0-0
n) Examples of simple machines (e.g., levers, ramps)	)-0-0

## S9 (continued)

Choose the response that best describes when each topic or concept is taught for students in this class.

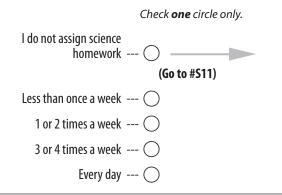
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	Mostly taught before this year
	Mostly taught this year
	Not yet taught
C. Earth Science	
a) Composition of Earth's surface (i.e., land, fresh water, salt water)	-0-0-0
b) Earth's resources and their use by humans	-0-0
c) Renewable and nonrenewable resources	-0-0
d) How wind and water change Earth's surface over time	-0-0
e) What fossils can show about Earth's history	-0-0
f) How weather changes day to day and with geographic location	-0-0
g) Effects of increasing temperatures on Earth	-0-0
h) Composition of the Solar System (the Sun, Earth, Moon, and other planets)	-0-0
i) How the Moon's movement around the Earth changes its appearance	-0-0
j) How Earth's rotation causes day and night	-0-0
k) How Earth's annual movement around the Sun causes seasons or seasonal change	-0-0-0

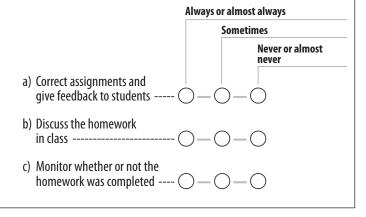


## A. How often do you usually assign science homework to the students in this class?



## B. How often do you do the following with the science homework assignments for this class?

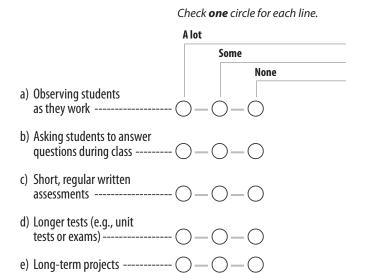
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#### Science Assessment of the TIMSS Class

S11 I

How much importance do you place on these strategies to assess students' learning in science?





A. In the past tw you participa professional in any of the	ated in developm	ent	. Do you ne future pro developm of the foll	ofessional Ient in any
	Check <b>one</b> ci for each li	ne.	for e	<b>ne</b> circle ach line.
		Yes		Yes
a) Science conter	nt (	No 		
b) Science pedag instruction	ogy/ (	)-0	(	)-O
c) Science curricu	ılum (	)-0	(	)-O
d) Integrating teo into science in:	chnology struction (	)-0	(	)-O
e) Improving stue critical thinkin inquiry skills	aor	)-0	(	)-O
f) Science assess	ment (	)-0	(	)-O
g) Addressing inc students' need	lividual s (	)-0	(	)-O
h) Integrating sci with other sub (e.g., mathem technology)	jects atics.	)-0-	(	)—()
i) Integrating environmenta and sustainabi into science in:	lity	)-0	(	)-O

# Thank You

Thank you for the thought, time, and effort you have put into completing this questionnaire.

