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Your school has been selected as one of approximately 1,500 schools in Canada to participate in PCAP-13. PCAP is an assessment of academic achievement in Canada, and its results are important for charting the progress of students in the participating provinces and territories and for shaping curricula and teaching practices.

This questionnaire is addressed to the Language Arts teachers of students who have been selected to participate in this assessment. **Please keep those students in mind when answering the questions.** It asks about your professional background, instructional practices, the kinds of students you teach, and your attitudes toward the teaching of reading. Since your school is part of a pan-Canadian sample, your responses are very important in helping to describe how reading is taught in Canada. It is therefore important that all questions be answered as carefully and accurately as possible. Please answer the questions in relation to the 2006–07 school year by checking the box corresponding to your answer.

This questionnaire is confidential when completed. The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, will not report any result that will allow you, your students, or your school to be identified.

Once you have completed this questionnaire, please return it to your PCAP school coordinator.

Thank you for your time, effort, and thought in completing this questionnaire.

Section 1: Background Questions

1.	Are you male or female?	
	Male	
	Female	□2
2.	Including this year, how many years of teaching experience do you have?	
	Less than 5 years	
	5 to 10 years	🗆
	11 to 15 years	
	16 to 20 years	
	More than 21 years	🗆 :
3.	Which of the following degrees or diplomas do you hold? (Check ALL that a	pply.)
	BA or equivalent	
	BSc or equivalent	
	BEd or equivalent (e.g., at least one year of teacher training)	
	Other bachelor's degree	
	MEd	
	Other master's degree	
	PhD or equivalent	
	Other degree or diploma	
	No degree or diploma	
4.	In your teacher training, did you focus on any subject related to the teaching English Language Arts?	g of
	Yes	
	No	

		□ ₁
No		\Box_2
	e past five years, how many days (or equivalent) of pr shops related to the teaching of reading have you com	-
None	e	□ ₁
1 to 2	2 days	\Box_2
3 to 4	4 days	\square_3
5 to 8	8 days	□4
9 or r	more days	□5
	than 20%	_
20%	to 39%	\square_2
400/		
	to 69%	
70%	or more	□4
70% What is		□4
70% What is you tes	is the AVERAGE number of students in the English	Language Arts classes
70% what is you tes	is the AVERAGE number of students in the English each this year (total class size even if multi-grade)?	Language Arts classes □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
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9.	How many grade levels are in your English Language Arts class or classes?					
	One grade only]1				
	Two grade levels in some or all classes	$]_2$				
	Three or more grade levels in some or all classes	\rfloor_3				

Section 2: Time Management

1.	How	often do you usually assign homework	in your E	English Langua	age Arts cl	asses?
	Rar	rely or never				□ ₁
	A f	ew times a month				□2
	A f	ew times a week				□3
	Eve	ery or almost every class				□4
2.		iverage, how many minutes do you exp ework in English Language Arts?	ect studen	its to spend PE	CR WEEK	on
	Les	s than 30 minutes				□ ₁
	30 1	minutes to one hour				□2
	One	e to two hours				□3
	Mo	re than two hours				□4
3.	·	u assign homework, how often do you	do the foll Rarely or never	owing? Sometimes	Often	
	()	Monitor whether or not the homework was completed	\Box_1			
	(b)	•	-	\square_2	\square_3	
	(c)	Correct assignments and provide feedback to students	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3 \square_3	
		Correct assignments and provide	-	_		
	(d)	Correct assignments and provide feedback to students	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	
	(d) (e)	Correct assignments and provide feedback to students		\square_2 \square_2	\square_3	

On foll	owing activities? (Do not report part da	., 5 1101 01 1		
		_		
(a) Formal tests or exams when students do sessions (include marking days)		_	-
(b) Field trips or excursions (music, cultura	l, etc.)		
(c) Sports activities			
(d) Charitable events			
(e) School fundraising			
(f)	School spirit days, graduations, assembl	ies, or rela	ited student eve	ents
(g) Closings due to weather			
(h) Maintenance, mechanical, or related pro	blems		
tim clas	average over a full school year, how ma e would you estimate is lost because of c ss periods (other than whole school days	ny HOUF lass cance	RS of your sch	eduled to er losses
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On tim class pre	average over a full school year, how mae would you estimate is lost because of cost periods (other than whole school days vious question)? The class is disrupted by noise or	ny HOUF lass cance , which sh n in your Rarely or never	RS of your sch ellations or oth rould be report English Langu Sometimes	eduled to er losses ted in the

Section 3: Teacher Assessment Practices

1.	In your English Language Arts classes, how often are 13-year-old students assessed
	in the following ways, where the results count toward their final mark or grade?

		Never	1 to 2 times a year	3 to 5 times a year	About every month	More than once a month
(a)	Provincial/territorial tests or assessments	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(b)	District or school-wide tests or assessments	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(c)	Teacher-developed classroom tests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(d)	Student portfolios	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(e)	Student assignments/ projects	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(f)	Homework	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
(g)	Other forms of assessment	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5

2. In your English Language Arts classes, do you assign marks for the following aspects to be used in determining final marks or grades?

		Yes	No
(a)	Attendance	\Box_1	\square_2
(b)	Participation	\Box_1	\square_2
(c)	Effort	\Box_1	\square_2
(d)	Improvement	\Box_1	\square_2
(e)	Behaviour	□1	\square_2

3.	To what extent do you use tests containing the following item types in your English	
	Language Arts classes?	

		never	Sometimes	
(a)	True/false or matching questions	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(b)	Multiple-choice questions	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(c)	Fill-in-the-blank questions	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(d)	Short-answer questions (a sentence or two)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(e)	Long-answer questions (a paragraph or more)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(f)	Essays (one page or more)	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(g)	Presentations, speeches, and other performance-based items	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
Do y cour	ou use rubrics for the following purpos	es in your E	nglish Language	e Arts
•	9 1	es in your E	nglish Languago Yes	e Arts No
cour (a)	9 1	nment at		
(a) (b)	ses? For helping students understand the assig	nment at heir work	Yes	No
(a) (b)	For helping students understand the assig the beginning of instruction	nment atheir work	Yes □ ₁	No □2
(a) (b) (c) Do y	For helping students understand the assig the beginning of instruction	nment atheir work	Yes □ 1 □ 1 □ 1 work?	No \Box_2 \Box_2 \Box_2
(a) (b) (c) Do y Yes	For helping students understand the assig the beginning of instruction For guiding students on how to improve the during an assignment	nment at heir work o guide their	Yes	No □2 □2 □2

6.	During your university training, how many semester credit courses did you take that were directly related to student assessment? (Count a full-year course at the usual three class hours per week as two courses. An Ontario AQ course may be counted as one course.)	
	I don't know	\square_1
	None	□2
	1 to 2 courses	□3
	3 to 4 courses	□4
	5 or more courses	□5
7.	In the past five years, how many days (or equivalent) of professional development workshops have you completed related to student assessment?	t
	None	□ ₁
	1 to 2 days	□2
	3 to 4 days	□3
	5 or more days	□4
8.	Have you ever participated in a marking session for school board, provincial/territorial, pan-Canadian, international, or other large-scale assessments?	
	No	\square_1
	Yes, once	□ ₂
	Yes, more than once	□3

9. How would you rate your own skills in the following assess:
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		Not at all skilled	Somewhat skilled	Very skilled
(a)	Creating multiple-choice tests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(b)	Creating short-answer tests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(c)	Creating essay tests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(d)	Creating performance-based tests or assignments	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(e)	Creating rubrics	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(f)	Using rubrics for structuring or scoring assignments or tests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(g)	Interpreting large-scale assessment results (such as provincial/territorial assessments)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(h)	Interpreting results from your own classroom assessments	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(i)	Assigning final grades	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3

10. To what extent do you...

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) use computer software to record the results from classroom-based assessments?	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(b) use computer software to score or analyze test results (e.g., analyzing item response patterns)?	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(c) use specialized materials such as books or test manuals to help you interpret results from classroombased assessments?	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3
(d) use specialized materials such as books or test manuals to help you interpret results from large-scale assessments?	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3

11. Do you have access to...

	Yes	No
(a) results from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) or the School Achievement Indicators Program (SAIP), which provide provincial/territorial results?	\Box_1	\Box_2
(b) results from provincial/territorial assessments at the school level?	\Box_1	\square_2
(c) provincial/territorial or school board assessment instruments for your classes and students?	\Box_1	\square_2

Section 4: Teaching Strategies

1.	How much do you emphasize the following "pre-reading"	' strategies in English
	Language Arts classes?	

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
(a) Predicting	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(b) Determining the purpose for reading	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(c) Activating prior knowledge	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(d) Previewing aspects of text	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

2. How much do you emphasize the following "during reading" strategies in English Language Arts classes?

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
(a) Monitoring for understanding	. \Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(b) Making connections	. \Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(c) Determining author's intention	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(d) Visualizing	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(e) Skimming and scanning	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(f) Locating main/key ideas (e.g., underlining or highlighting for key ideas)	\Box_1 .	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(g) Making valid inferences	. \Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(h) Asking questions	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(i) Analyzing text structures (e.g., compare/contrast, analogy)	. □ ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

3.	How much do you emphasize the following "after reading" strategies in English
	Language Arts classes?

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
(a) Summarizing	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(b) Analyzing critically	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(c) Determining author's message	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(d) Distinguishing fact from opinion	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(e) Determining bias in text	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(f) Re-reading and reflecting	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

4. How much do you emphasize the following instructional strategies in English Language Arts classes?

	Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
(a) Reading aloud to students	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(b) Students reading aloud to the whole class or in groups	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(c) Silent reading of teacher-selected material	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(d) Silent reading of student-selected material	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(e) Teaching reading strategies	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(f) Teaching basic rules of language	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(g) Teaching language in context	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(h) Using text research tools (e.g., dictionaries, encyclopedias, Internet)	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(i) Discussion — small group or whole class	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(j) Student note-taking	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(k) Graphic organizers	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Re-teaching basic reading skills that should have been mastered earlier	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(b) Adapting coursework, including texts, for learning styles and interests	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(c) Providing enrichment for advanced readers	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
In your English Language Arts classes, how types?	often do ye	ou use the follo	owing te
	Rarely or never	Sometimes	Often
(a) Procedural	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(b) Informational	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(c) Persuasive	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(d) Narrative	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(e) Poetry	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
(f) Drama	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
How often do you assign the following stude	ent tasks? Rarely	Sometimes	Ofter
	or never		Often
(a) Reading to be done outside of class	or never \Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
class (b) Students' personal responses to reading selections (in a variety of forms)		\square_2 \square_2	
class(b) Students' personal responses to reading	\Box_1	_	\square_3

In your English Language Arts classes, how often do you do the following activities?

5.

8.		v do you monitor what your students are r t apply.)	eading ou	tside of class	? (Check all	
	(a)	Reading logs				□1
	(b)	Interest inventories				□1
	(c)	Personal conferences with students				□1
	(d)	Book clubs				□1
	(e)	Other				□1
	(f)	I don't systematically monitor what studen	ts are read	ing		□ ₁
			Not at all	A little	More than a little	A lot
	(a)	assign reading materials to boys that	\Box_1	\square_2	little □3	\square_4
	<i>a</i> >	appeal especially to boys?	□1	<i>□</i> 2	_3	□ 4
	(b)	assign reading materials to girls that appeal especially to girls?	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
	(c)	select reading materials for both genders that appeal especially to boys?	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
	(d)	select reading materials for both genders that appeal especially to girls?	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
	(e)	use different instructional strategies for boys and girls?	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

Section 5: Special-Needs Students

2.

1.	In your opinion, about how many of the students in your English Language Arts
	classes have special needs that require

	None	1 to 2 students	3 to 5 students	More than 5 students
(a) that you modify the program to meet these needs (e.g., reduce course expectations)	\Box_1	\Box_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(b) that you accommodate by giving more time or changing teaching methods (no change in expectations)	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(c) the help of a teaching assistant	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
(d) pull-out of students (assignment to a special class) for reading or English Language Arts	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(e) special attention to reduce their disrupting the rest of the class	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(f) medical attention	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
(g) special assistance with speaking, listening, reading, or writing	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
To what extent do you need to adjust you the entire class to accommodate special-ne	_	•	essons, activ	vities) for
Not at all				□ ₁
A little				\square_2
More than a little				□3
A lot				Π,

3.	To what extent do you consider your classes to be enhanced by the prespecial-needs students?	sence of
	Not at all	\Box_1
	A little	\square_2
	More than a little	□3
	A lot	\square_4
4.	About how much of the time in your English Language Arts classes is t	nere an adult
	(other than the teacher) present to assist with teaching or to help individuals?	
	(other than the teacher) present to assist with teaching or to help indiv	idual
	(other than the teacher) present to assist with teaching or to help individuals?	idual □ ₁
	(other than the teacher) present to assist with teaching or to help individuals? Not at all	idual □ ₁

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.