

## **SECTION A: School Policies and Practices**

The purpose of the following questions is to identify policies and practices in your school aimed at coordinating and aligning your schools and early educating settings. Please rate the extent to which the following statements apply to your school. *(Check the appropriate box.)* 

If you think it applies to no extent for your school, select to no extent. If you think it applies to some extent for your school, select to some extent. If you think it applies to a moderate extent for your school, select to a moderate extent. If you think it is to a great extent for your school, select to a great extent.

		To no extent	To some extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent
Q1	<b>1.</b> Our school improvement plan includes goals and activities for working with programs and services that children experience before they enter our school.				
Q2	<b>2.</b> My school has criteria for measuring a child's readiness for kindergarten.				
Q3	<b>3.</b> I make sure that the staff in my school use the early care and education field to provide appropriate learning resources that inform our school's teaching and learning practices.				

Q4	<b>4.</b> I make sure that teachers in my school have adopted curricular practices and teaching strategies from early learning theories and early care and education providers.		
Q5	<b>5.</b> The curriculum in the elementary classrooms in my school is aligned with the states early learning standards for 3 and 4 year old students.		
Q6	<b>6.</b> Year-to-year student mobility is a problem in my school.		
Q7	<b>7.</b> My school has a plan to help ensure that a high percentage of entering students stay in my school through the early grades and beyond.		
Q7_b	<b>8.</b> Parent involvement is important in my school.		

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- **9.** Which of the following statements reflect the leadership at your school?
  - □ I work together with teachers and the assistant principal to decide which policies and practices to implement.
  - I decide which policies and practices to implement and teachers help to implement them in their classrooms and across the school.
  - Most policies and practices are determined at the district level by the network chiefs and superintendent.

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- **10.** Does your school have an existing staff person in the elementary grades identified that leads parent involvement and engagement activities?

  - 🛛 No
- Q10 11. Does your school have an existing staff person that leads curriculum alignment efforts from preschool to the elementary grades?
  - □ Yes □ No
- **Q11 12.** To what extent do you see evidence that these positions are contributing to student learning gains in the early grades?
  - To no extent
  - To some extent
  - □ To a moderate extent
  - □ To a great extent
- **Q12 13.** To what extent do you see evidence that these positions are helping to increase year-to-year student stability?
  - To no extent
  - To some extent
  - To a moderate extent
  - □ To a great extent

## **SECTION B: Curriculum and Teaching Practices**

The purpose of the following questions is to explore the current practices of your school in coordinating and aligning the curriculum practices within grade levels, and with early education settings. Please rate the extent to which you do the following. (Check the appropriate box.)

		To no extent	To some extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent
Q13	<b>14.</b> I include Pre-K teachers in common planning time with elementary school teachers.				
Q13_	<b>15.</b> I interact with child care providers in my community to talk about preparing children for school.				
Q13_(	<b>16.</b> Other staff members in our school interact with child care providers in our community to talk about preparing children for school.				
Q14	<b>17.</b> Kindergarten and first grade teachers have common planning time together.				
Q15	<b>18.</b> I encourage Pre-K teachers to observe elementary classrooms to learn about the expectations and learning experiences of students in elementary classrooms.				
Q16	<b>19.</b> I encourage elementary teachers to observe Pre-K teachers to learn about the learning experiences of students in Pre-K classrooms.				

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- **Q17 20.** Do you have an established, written curriculum plan?
  - Yes
  - 🛛 No

# Q17\_b (If yes):

In your opinion, how well is the curriculum plan implemented?

- Very well
- Okay
- □ Not very well
- Don't know

**Q18 21.** About how many teachers implement the curriculum plan well?

- 🗆 All
- Most
- □ Some
- □ A few
- None
- Don't know

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**22.** How well is your curriculum <u>aligned</u> across PreK to third grade for each of the following issues?

	Very well	Somew hat well	A little well	Not at all well	Don't know / NA
Q19_aa) Goals and learning standards					
Q19_bb) Instructional practices					
Q19_c c) Reinforcement and expansion of domain skills in language					
Q19_dd) Reinforcement and expansion of domain skills in math					
Q19_ee) Reinforcement and expansion of domain skills in socio- emotional development					
Q19_f f) Assessment approaches					
Q19_gg) Reinforcement and expansion of domain skills in science development					

### **SECTION C: Professional Development Practices**

The purpose of the following questions is to explore current professional development practices and opportunities of your school that support efforts to coordinate and align teaching and learning experiences within grade levels, across grade levels, and with early education settings. Please rate the extent to which your school does the following. *(Check the appropriate box.)* 

		To no extent	To some extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent
Q20	<b>23.</b> Within-grade level teams of teachers participate in professional development activities together.				
Q21	<b>24.</b> Across-grade level teams of teachers participate in professional development activities together.				
Q22	<b>25.</b> Professional development is offered to teachers focused on aligning curriculum, teaching practices, and assessments across grade levels.				
Q23	<b>26.</b> Professional development is offered to teachers on early childhood learning theories and how to adopt these theories in their classroom.				

Q24	<b>27.</b> Professional development is offered to teachers about theories and practices for educating the whole child.		
Q25	<b>28.</b> Professional development opportunities are offered to early childhood teachers and providers in your community on curriculum and teaching practices in your school.		

## **SECTION D: Student Assessments**

The purpose of the following questions is to explore your school's current practices in using student data to improve and align your school's teaching and learning experiences and students' readiness to learn within grade levels, across grade levels, and with early education settings. Please rate the extent to which your school does the following. *(Check the appropriate box.)* 

		To no extent	To some extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent
Q26	<b>29.</b> I expect K-3 teachers to share aggregated student data with Pre-K teachers to guide discussions on strengthening classroom practices at the elementary grade levels.				
Q27	<b>30.</b> I expect teachers to use individual child assessment data to guide discussions with parents and set learning and development goals.				

## **SECTION E: About You**

- **Q28 31.** Which option best describes the highest level of education you have completed?
  - □ Bachelor's degree
  - □ Master's degree (for example, MA, MS, MBA)
  - □ Professional or doctoral degree (for example, JD, PhD, EdD)
- Q29 32. What are your teaching credentials?
  - □ Elementary certificate (Type 03 in Illinois)
  - □ Special education or early intervention
  - □ Early childhood certificate (Type 04 in Illinois)
  - Other

Q29\_x (If "Other"): Please specify:

- Q29\_b **33.** Have you had any other professional development experiences or training in early childhood education/development? (For this question, early childhood means development prior to kindergarten entry.)
  - □ Yes □ No

Q29\_bx (If "Yes"): Please specify: Q30 **34.** Do you have a Type 75 administrative certificate?

□ Yes □ No

Q30\_x (If 'Yes"): What year did you complete your Type 75 administrative certificate?

Q31 **35.** How many years have you worked as a principal? (Click on icon to select a whole number.)

## **SECTION E: About You**

- Q32 **36.** How many years have you worked in this school as a principal? *(Click on icon to select a whole number.)*
- Q33 **37.** How many head principals has your current school had in the past 5 years (including yourself)? (Click on icon to select a whole number.)
- Q34 38. Your gender:
  - Male
  - □ Female
- **Q35 39.** Please indicate your race/ethnicity. (Check all that apply.)
  - Asian
  - □ Hispanic/Latino
  - Alaska Native or American Indian
  - Multiracial
  - White
  - Pacific Islander
  - Black/African American
  - Other
- Q35\_x (If "Other"): Please specify:

# Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

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