

Connecticut Education Association Frequency Questionnaire

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1452 Members

Q.1 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	21
Female	79
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.2 First, are you currently employed as a TEACHER by a public school or public school system?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:TEACHER)	

Q.3 Are you a current member of the National Education Association or a state or local education association?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused)	-
(ref:MEMBER)	

Q.4 Which of the following grade levels do you work with the most?

	Total
Kindergarten	5
Elementary school.....	39
Middle school.....	22
Junior high school	2
Senior high school.....	32
Technical or Vocational school.....	-
Junior or Community college.....	-
4-year college or University.....	-
Adult Education.....	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	-
(Other)	-
 Kindergarten - Elementary	 44
Jr - Middle	24
Sr. High	32
(ref:TEACHYEA)	

Q.5 Thinking back on the school year so far, would you say this school year has been better than usual for you, worse than usual, or no difference?

	Total
Better	7
Worse	81
No difference.....	12
(Don't know).....	0
Better-Worse	-74
(ref:YEARBET)	

Q.6 Generally speaking, how satisfied are you overall with conditions facing teachers in your school district these days?

	Total
Very satisfied	2
Somewhat satisfied	16
Not very satisfied.....	43
Not at all satisfied.....	39
(Don't know/refused)	-
Total Satisfied	17
Total Not Satisfied.....	83
Satisfied-Not Satisfied	-65
(ref:SATIS)	

Q.7 Thinking about Common Core State Standards, on balance, would you say you...

	Total
Support the new Common Core standards.....	8
Support the new Common Core standards with some reservations	56
Do not support the new Common Core standards.....	36
(Don't know/refused)	-
Total Support.....	64
Support-Not Support.....	28
(ref:CCAPPRPS)	

[930 Respondents]

Q.8 (IF PUNCH 1 OR 2 IN CCAPPRPS) What makes you support the Common Core standards?

	Total
Helps students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills	48
Clearer guidelines and education goals.....	24
More rigorous standards	21
The standards align with good teaching	21
Allows teachers to teach fewer issues more deeply	21
Gives teachers more room for flexibility in how they teach.....	5
Provide greater opportunity for all students	5
Teachers were instrumental in designing objectives and curriculum	2
(Other - specify)	11
(None).....	4
(Don't know/refused)	2
(ref:SUPREAS3)	

[521 Respondents]

Q.9 (IF PUNCH 3 IN CCAPPRPS) What, in particular, makes you not supportive of Common Core standards?

	Total
Too much emphasis on standardized testing	42
Standards not developmentally appropriate	38
Teachers held accountable for test scores	27
Teachers not involved in designing objectives and curriculum	25
Not enough time for teachers to prepare the new curriculum	15
Don't have the resources to teach the new curriculum	12
Not enough time for students to learn the new curriculum ..	10
Standards are too rigorous.....	9
Curriculum is not aligned to standards	3
(Other - specify)	16
(None).....	-
(Don't know).....	0
(ref:OPPREAS3)	

Q.10 How do you think that the Common Core standards will impact your teaching? Select up to two.

	Total
More time taken up with standardized testing.....	62
More time teaching students process and problem solving.....	26
More time grading	21
Teaching students more deeply about subjects.....	17
More time for instruction on fewer topics	9
Fewer topics means more time for creativity in lesson plans	6
Other.....	25
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:CCIMPCT1)	

Q.11 Have you had the opportunity to help inform your school or district's plan for Common Core implementation?

	Total
Yes, and they seem to have listened to my input	14
Yes, but they don't seem to have listened to my input	22
No	65
(Don't know).....	-
Total Yes	35
Yes-No	-29
(ref:INFORMCC)	

Q.12 Based on your experience so far, how is your school or district doing on Common Core implementation? Please enter a number from 0 to 10, where 0 means your school or district is getting implementation completely WRONG, and 10 means your school or district is getting implementation completely RIGHT. If you don't know or aren't sure, please enter 11.

	Total
10.....	1
9.....	1
8.....	8
7.....	10
6.....	7
5.....	20
4.....	8
3.....	10
2.....	9
1.....	4
0.....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	17
Mean.....	4.59
10.....	1
8-10.....	10
6-10.....	27
0-5	55
(ref:IMPLRATE)	

Q.13 When it comes to getting Common Core implementation right, how important is each of the following?

	Very Imp	Smwt Imp	Not Very Imp	Not at All	DK/ Ref	Total Imp	Total Not Imp	Imp - Not
14 More time for teachers and students to learn the new standards.....	80	15	3	2	0	95	5	90
15 More instructional support and training for teachers to learn how to teach the new standards.....	78	16	4	2	0	94	6	88
16 More financial resources to make sure students and teachers have updated textbooks, computers, and teaching and learning materials	75	20	4	1	-	95	5	90
17 An effective plan to engage parents and communities.....	51	38	9	2	0	89	11	78
18 Prioritizing student learning over standardized testing.....	92	6	1	1	0	98	2	95
19 Providing equal opportunities for success for all students, regardless of where they live	73	22	3	2	0	95	5	90
20 Curriculum examples and guides for teachers..... (ref:IMPTBATT)	75	20	3	2	0	95	5	90

Q.21 And how helpful is each of the following for adopting the new standards?

	Very	Smwt	Not Very	Not at all	DK/ Ref	Total Helpful	Total Not	Help - not
22 Inservice training.....	52	33	11	4	1	85	15	70
23 Planning time to prepare the new curriculum	84	10	2	2	1	95	4	90
24 Model lesson plans	62	27	6	3	2	89	9	80
25 Updated classroom materials and textbooks	65	24	6	4	2	89	10	79
26 Technology and training to administer the computer-based assessments.....	54	31	9	5	2	85	14	71
27 More time to collaborate with other teachers.....	79	16	3	2	1	94	4	90
28 Opportunities for external training	45	38	10	5	2	83	15	68
29 Opportunities to observe or practice teaching the new standards	58	29	7	4	2	87	11	76

(ref:RESBATT)

Q.30 Now for something different. Would you say that your school system puts too much emphasis on preparing students for state standardized tests, does not put enough emphasis, or puts the right amount of emphasis on preparing students for the state standardized tests?

	Total
Too much emphasis on preparing for state tests.....	68
Not enough emphasis on preparing for state tests	7
Just the right amount of emphasis on preparing for state tests	24
(Don't know).....	0
Too much - Not enough.....	61

(ref:TEST1B)

Q.31 Do you believe that states should institute some type of moratorium or grace period on accountability provisions tied to the new Common Core state assessments?

	Total
Yes	97
No	3
(Don't know/refused)	0
Yes-No	94
(ref:CCMORATR)	

Q.32 Below are some concerns some people have about Common Core. How concerned are you about each of the following?

	Very Conc	Smwt Conc	Not Very Conc	Not at all Conc	DK/ Ref	Total Conc	Total Not Conc	Conc - Not
33 Common Core will open the door to privatization of public education.	40	26	23	11	0	66	34	32
34 Common Core is not developmentally appropriate for students.	57	30	9	4	0	87	13	73
35 Common Core amounts to a federal takeover of education.....	46	27	18	9	0	73	27	46
36 Common Core limits teachers' flexibility and ability to innovate in how they teach.	56	24	15	5	-	80	20	60
37 Common Core siphons more of our time and money for assessments that schools could use for other things.....	68	23	7	2	-	91	9	82
38 States and the federal government rushed into Common Core implementation without field testing in classrooms or time to review..... (ref:COMMCONC)	84	11	4	1	-	96	4	91

Q.39 Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Which of the following is the MAIN subject that you teach?

	Total
General classroom teacher	25
Math/science.....	17
Language arts / English / Other Arts / music /PE / Vocational training.....	24
Combination of subjects.....	3
Special education.....	12
Civics / gov't / history / social studies	7
Other.....	11
(Don't know/refused)	-
(ref:SUBJECT)	

Q.40 In your entire career, for how many years, including this one, have you been an employee in a public school?

	Total
1 year.....	3
2 years	3
3 or 4 years.....	6
5 years	3
6 to 9 years	17
10 to 14 years	21
15 to 19 years	17
20 to 24 years	10
25 years or more.....	19
(Don't know/refused)	-
Less than 5 years	12
5-10 years	19
10 to 24 years	49
25 years or more	19
(ref:NEATENUR)	

Q.41 Are you a teacher in a high poverty or Title I school?

	Total
Yes	29
No	71
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:HIPOV)	

Q.42 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	2
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	10
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	12
45 - 49.....	13
50 - 54.....	11
55 - 59.....	11
60 - 64.....	8
65 and over.....	2
(No answer).....	15
(ref:AGE)	

Q.43 What is your race?

	Total
Caucasian or White.....	91
Hispanic or Latino.....	2
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	1
Asian.....	1
Black or African American.....	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.....	0
Another race.....	3
(DK/refused/other).....	2
Total Minority.....	8
(ref:RACEWEB)	