

## Missouri's First Year Educator Survey

### Missouri Baptist University Report

**Survey:**

- Teacher
  [Teacher's Principal](#)
- Principal
  Principal's Supervisor
- Counselor
  Counselor's Supervisor

**Beginning school year:**

2023

**Ending school year:**

2023

When running the report, the "beginning school year" should be the calendar year of that spring. (For example, if the first year of teaching/counseling/leadership was Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, then the "beginning school year" for that report would be 2021. If you are running the report for that year of first-year teachers/counselors/principals only, choose the "ending school year" as 2021 as well.)

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\* Rows are displayed if there is a minimum of 15 respondents. However, actual counts are not displayed.

| Question / Standard  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neutral (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly Agree (5) | Mean | StdDev |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|------|--------|
| <b>Standard 1 - Content Knowledge</b>  |                       |              |             |           |                    | 4.15 | 0.70   |
| 1. The teacher was prepared to incorporate interdisciplinary instruction.              | 0%                    | 6%           | 12%         | 56%       | 26%                | 4.03 | 0.79   |
| 2. The teacher was prepared in his or her content area                                 | 0%                    | 6%           | 3%          | 56%       | 35%                | 4.21 | 0.76   |
| 3. The teacher was was prepared to engage students in his or her content area.         | 0%                    | 3%           | 9%          | 56%       | 32%                | 4.18 | 0.71   |
| 4. The teacher was prepared to make content meaningful to students.                    | 0%                    | 3%           | 9%          | 53%       | 35%                | 4.21 | 0.72   |
| <b>Standard 2 - Learning, Growth, and Development</b>                                  |                       |              |             |           |                    | 3.91 | 0.65   |
| 5. The teacher was prepared to design lessons that include differentiated instruction. | 0%                    | 6%           | 9%          | 53%       | 32%                | 4.12 | 0.80   |
| 6. The teacher was prepared to implement instruction based on a student's IEP.         | 0%                    | 6%           | 12%         | 47%       | 35%                | 4.12 | 0.83   |
| 7. The teacher was prepared to modify instruction for English language learners.       | 0%                    | 6%           | 44%         | 32%       | 18%                | 3.62 | 0.84   |

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| 8. The teacher was prepared to modify instruction for gifted learners.                             | 0% | 6%  | 41% | 35% | 18% | 3.65 | 0.84 |
| 9. The teacher was prepared to create lesson plans to engage all learners.                         | 0% | 3%  | 15% | 59% | 24% | 4.03 | 0.71 |
| <b>Standard 3 - Curriculum Implementation</b>  |    |     |     |     |     | 4.16 | 0.66 |
| 10. The teacher was prepared to deliver lessons based on curriculum standards.                     | 0% | 3%  | 6%  | 56% | 35% | 4.24 | 0.69 |
| 11. The teacher was prepared to deliver lessons for diverse learners.                              | 0% | 3%  | 12% | 59% | 26% | 4.09 | 0.70 |
| <b>Standard 4 - Critical Thinking</b>  |    |     |     |     |     | 4.03 | 0.83 |
| 12. The teacher was prepared to implement a variety of instructional strategies.                   | 0% | 9%  | 0%  | 62% | 29% | 4.12 | 0.80 |
| 13. The teacher was prepared to engage students in critical thinking.                              | 3% | 3%  | 12% | 56% | 26% | 4    | 0.87 |
| 14. The teacher was prepared to model critical thinking and problem solving.                       | 3% | 3%  | 18% | 47% | 29% | 3.97 | 0.92 |
| <b>Standard - N/A</b>  |    |     |     |     |     |      |      |
| 15. The teacher was prepared to use technology to enhance student learning.                        | 0% | 3%  | 6%  | 65% | 26% | 4.15 | 0.65 |
| <b>Standard 5 - Positive Classroom Environment</b>   |    |     |     |     |     | 4.13 | 0.74 |
| 16. The teacher was prepared to create a classroom environment that encourages student engagement. | 3% | 9%  | 3%  | 47% | 38% | 4.09 | 1.01 |
| 17. The teacher was prepared to use a variety of classroom management strategies.                  | 3% | 3%  | 9%  | 56% | 29% | 4.06 | 0.87 |
| 18. The teacher was prepared to manage a variety of discipline issues.                             | 3% | 12% | 0%  | 56% | 29% | 3.97 | 1.01 |
| 19. The teacher was prepared to motivate his or her students to learn.                             | 0% | 3%  | 9%  | 56% | 32% | 4.18 | 0.71 |
| 20. The teacher was prepared to keep his or her students on task.                                  | 0% | 9%  | 3%  | 50% | 38% | 4.18 | 0.86 |
| 21. The teacher was prepared to foster positive student relationships.                             | 0% | 0%  | 3%  | 52% | 45% | 4.42 | 0.55 |

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| 22. The teacher was prepared to facilitate smooth transitions for his or her students.                                | 3% | 3% | 9%  | 62% | 24% | 4    | 0.84 |
| <b>Standard 6 - Effective Communication</b>   |    |    |     |     |     | 4.15 | 0.63 |
| 23. The teacher was prepared to use effective communication strategies to foster learning.                            | 0% | 0% | 12% | 62% | 26% | 4.15 | 0.60 |
| 24. The teacher was prepared to effectively communicate with parents.   | 3% | 0% | 15% | 53% | 29% | 4.06 | 0.84 |
| 25. The teacher was prepared to effectively communicate with all staff.   | 3% | 3% | 6%  | 59% | 29% | 4.09 | 0.85 |
| 26. The teacher was prepared to promote respect for diverse cultures, genders, and intellectual / physical abilities. | 0% | 3% | 9%  | 59% | 29% | 4.15 | 0.69 |
| 27. The teacher was prepared to use technology as a communication tool.   | 0% | 3% | 0%  | 65% | 32% | 4.26 | 0.61 |
| 28. The teacher was prepared to enhance students' skills in using technology as a communication tool.                 | 0% | 3% | 6%  | 59% | 32% | 4.21 | 0.68 |
| <b>Standard 7 - Student Assessment and Data Analysis</b>  |    |    |     |     |     | 4.05 | 0.73 |
| 29. The teacher was prepared to use assessments to evaluate learning.   | 0% | 3% | 3%  | 68% | 26% | 4.18 | 0.62 |
| 30. The teacher was prepared to develop assessments to evaluate learning.   | 0% | 6% | 9%  | 59% | 26% | 4.06 | 0.76 |
| 31. The teacher was prepared to analyze assessment data to improve instruction.                                       | 3% | 3% | 9%  | 59% | 26% | 4.03 | 0.86 |
| 32. The teacher was prepared to help students set learning goals based on assessment results.                         | 3% | 3% | 12% | 56% | 26% | 4    | 0.87 |
| 33. The teacher was prepared to work with colleagues to set learning goals using assessment results.                  | 0% | 9% | 6%  | 62% | 24% | 4    | 0.80 |
| <b>Standard 8 - Professionalism</b>   |    |    |     |     |     | 4.12 | 0.72 |
| 34. The teacher was prepared to analyze data to reflect on areas for professional growth.                             | 0% | 6% | 9%  | 56% | 29% | 4.09 | 0.78 |
| 35. The teacher was prepared to reflect on his or her practices for professional growth.                              | 0% | 3% | 12% | 53% | 32% | 4.15 | 0.73 |

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| <b>Standard 9 - Professional Collaboration</b> | 4.08 | 0.75 |
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| 36. The teacher was prepared to collaborate with colleagues to support student learning. | 0% | 3% | 9%  | 50% | 38% | 4.24 | 0.73 |
| 37. The teacher was prepared to collaborate with parents to support student learning.    | 0% | 9% | 9%  | 47% | 35% | 4.09 | 0.89 |
| 38. The teacher was prepared to participate in professional organizations.               | 0% | 6% | 21% | 50% | 24% | 3.91 | 0.82 |

| Question / Standard  | Very Poor (1) | Poor (2) | Fair (3) | Good (4) | Very Good (5) | Mean | StdDev |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|------|--------|
| 39. Please click on the response that best reflects your perspective about the overall quality of the professional education program your teacher completed. | 3%            | 0%       | 9%       | 65%      | 24%           | 4.06 | 0.76   |

| Question / Standard   | Ineffective (1) | Minimally Effective (2) | Effective (3) | Highly Effective (4) | Mean | StdDev |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------|--------|
| 39b. Based upon the performance based evaluation of this first year teacher, how would you rate his/her impact upon students? | 3%              | 6%                      | 65%           | 26%                  | 3.15 | 0.65   |

| Question / Standard  | No (1) | Yes (2) |
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| 39c. Was the teacher currently teaching in the subject area in which he/she was certified? | 9%     | 91%     |

| Question / Standard  | Ineffective (1) | Minimally Effective (2) | Effective (3) | Highly Effective (4) | Mean | StdDev |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------|--------|
| 39d. Based upon the performance based evaluation of this first year teacher, how would you rate his/her ability to achieve the expected level of student growth? | 3%              | 6%                      | 71%           | 21%                  | 3.09 | 0.61   |

| Question / Standard   | No, this teacher was not assigned a mentor (1) | The teacher was assigned a mentor who had not instructed students in the same subject area(s) as the teacher (2) | Yes, the teacher was assigned a mentor who had instructed students in the same subject area(s) as the teacher (3) |
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| 40a. Was this teacher assigned a mentor who had instructed students in the same subject area(s) as the teacher? | 0%   | 15%  | 85%   |

| Question / Standard   | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neutral (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly Agree (5) | Mean | StdDev |
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| 40b. The first-year teacher's mentor contributed to the teacher's effectiveness during the current school year. | 0%                    | 0%           | 6%          | 53%       | 41%                | 4.35 | 0.59   |

| Question / Standard   | The teacher did not attend BTAP activities (1) | I don't know what organization conducted the BTAP activities (2) | A regional professional development center (3) | The school district or school (4) | An education association (e.g. MNEA, MSTA) (5) |
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| 41a. During the current school year, what type of organization conducted the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program (BTAP) activities that the first-year teacher attended? | 0%   | 0%   | 9%   | 88%                               | 3%   |

| Question / Standard  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neutral (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly Agree (5) | Mean | StdDev |
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| 41b. The Beginning Teacher Assistance Program (BTAP) activities contributed to the teacher's effectiveness during the current school year. | 0%                    | 3%           | 9%          | 71%       | 18%                | 4.03 | 0.62   |

| Essay Text   | School Year | Response ID |
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| <b>42. What has been the most difficult classroom challenge your teacher faced when striving to meet the needs of students?</b>  |             |             |
| Adjusting to low students  | 2023        | 47614       |
| Behavior needs and class management, but greatly improved over time  | 2023        | 47738       |
| classroom management   | 2023        | 47833       |
| She grew so much this year- learning how to make her classroom more engaging, not being so monotoned in class.   | 2023        | 47853       |
| New students   | 2023        | 48050       |
| Understanding that every child learns at a different rate.   | 2023        | 48054       |
| Dealing with students with repeated minor behaviors.   | 2023        | 48139       |
| Our teacher was not put into a regular classroom. He took the position to be in our In-School-Suspension classroom. This was a tough adjustment for him and he still needs PD on it. | 2023        | 48287       |
| Creating the boundaries from teacher to student.   | 2023        | 48491       |
| Working through discipline issues.   | 2023        | 48683       |

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| Dealing with behaviors of students.  | 2023 | 48695 |
| Classroom Management   | 2023 | 48810 |
| managing a large number of high needs SpEd students  | 2023 | 48944 |
| Beginning of the year classroom management strategies and effectiveness  | 2023 | 48960 |
| Dealing with the parents of the students.  | 2023 | 48993 |
| Transitions in the classroom.  | 2023 | 49062 |
| All of the diverse needs of students within her classroom  | 2023 | 49070 |
| Managing accommodations needed for various students simultaneously in the general education setting.                                     | 2023 | 49090 |
| Navigating being too easy going at the beginning of the year and having to learn how to tighten up expectations for behavior management. | 2023 | 49166 |
| No suggestions.  | 2023 | 49236 |
| Working with multiple ranges of student abilities and motivations  | 2023 | 49402 |
| Balancing students and parents needs with the high expectations of the district.   | 2023 | 49532 |
| Dynamic instructional strategies   | 2023 | 49576 |
| 3 ELL learners   | 2023 | 49717 |
| trying to bridge the communication gap with non-verbal students.   | 2023 | 49750 |
| Gaining experience as a teacher, as she was not exposed to a student teaching experience.  | 2023 | 49816 |
| Classroom transitions and keeping students on task.  | 2023 | 49819 |
| Classroom Management   | 2023 | 49843 |
| Classroom management   | 2023 | 50016 |

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**43. What is the single most important area that teacher preparation programs should strengthen?**

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| Observe more  | 2023 | 47614 |
| How to manage minor behaviors within the classroom. | 2023 | 47833 |
| Classroom management/engagement                     | 2023 | 47853 |
| Relationship building                               | 2023 | 48050 |
| More training in behavior strategies.               | 2023 | 48139 |
| Classroom management and communicating with parents | 2023 | 48287 |
| Classroom Management                                | 2023 | 48491 |
| Classroom management.                               | 2023 | 48683 |

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| Behavior management  | 2023 | 48695 |
| Engaging instructional strategies  | 2023 | 48810 |
| No suggestions.  | 2023 | 48944 |
| classroom management, DACL, DBDM, building relationship with students and families   | 2023 | 48960 |
| Organization   | 2023 | 49062 |
| Her classroom management   | 2023 | 49070 |
| I don't know that it is the most important, but there needs to be an emphasis placed on communicating with parents via phone and in person meetings. Teachers seem to have gravitated to only using electronic modes of communication with parents. Although this method does have a time and place, it is often not the most effective way to address concerns and build relationships. | 2023 | 49090 |
| Communication with families. My new and all of my non-tenured teachers have struggled this year with best practices on parent contacts.  | 2023 | 49166 |
| No suggestions.  | 2023 | 49236 |
| Collaboration amongst teachers across disciplines.   | 2023 | 49402 |
| Learning about responding to students with high behavioral needs.  | 2023 | 49532 |
| Differentiated approaches to instruction.  | 2023 | 49576 |
| Supporting teachers on-site the first year   | 2023 | 49717 |
| IEP writing and evaluation writing could be expanded   | 2023 | 49750 |
| Alternative certification program, so this question doesn't really apply.  | 2023 | 49816 |
| behavior management  | 2023 | 49819 |
| Balancing of 1st year teacher tasks/responsibilities   | 2023 | 49843 |
| More check-ins   | 2023 | 50016 |

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