

NC TEACHER WORKING CONDITIONS 2016 – Virtual School Survey

Demographics

Q1.1. Please indicate your position:

- Teacher (including instructional coaches, department heads, vocational, literacy specialist, etc.)
- Principal
- Assistant Principal
- Other Education Professional (school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, etc.)

Q1.2. How many total years have you been employed as an educator?

- First Year
- 2-3 Years
- 4-6 Years
- 7-10 Years
- 11-20 Years
- 20+ years

Q1.4. How many total years have you been employed in the school in which you are currently working?

First Year

2-3 Years

4-6 Years

7-10 Years

11-20 Years

20+ years

Time

Q13.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about the use of time in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Class sizes are reasonable such that teachers[1] have the time available to meet the needs of all students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Teachers have time available to collaborate with colleagues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The non-instructional time[2] provided for teachers in my school is sufficient.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Efforts are made to minimize the amount of routine paperwork[3] teachers are required to do.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

1. Teachers means a majority of teachers in your school.

2. Non-instructional time includes any time during the day without the responsibility for student contact, including collaboration planning, meetings/conferences with students and families, etc.

3. Examples of routine paperwork include communication journals, supervisor forms, etc.. This excludes hiring paperwork or any paperwork required by legislation.

Q13.2. In an AVERAGE WEEK, how much time do you devote to the following activities during the school day (i.e., time for which you are under contract to be at the school)?

	None	Less than or equal to 1 hour	More than 1 hour but less than or equal to 3 hours	More than 3 hours but less than or equal to 5 hours	More than 5 hours but less than or equal to 10 hours	More than 10 hours
a. Collaborative planning time[1]	?	?	?	?	?	?
b. Required committee and/or staff meetings	?	?	?	?	?	?
c. Preparing lessons for differentiation	?	?	?	?	?	?
d. Communicating with parents/guardians	?	?	?	?	?	?
e. Professional learning[2]	?	?	?	?	?	?
f. Preparation for required federal and state assessments	?	?	?	?	?	?
g. Utilizing results of assessments	?	?	?	?	?	?
h. Teacher Spot Checks Reflections	?	?	?	?	?	?
i. Providing feedback to students as required by NCVPS Instructional Pillars	?	?	?	?	?	?
j. Individualizing instructions for students	?	?	?	?	?	?
k. E-Learning Community	?	?	?	?	?	?
l. Communicating with students	?	?	?	?	?	?
m. Communicating with school personnel	?	?	?	?	?	?
n. Documentation of communication efforts	?	?	?	?	?	?

1. Collaborative time includes time spent working with other teachers within or across grade and subject areas as part of a Professional Learning Community to plan and assess instructional strategies.

2. Professional learning includes all opportunities, formal and informal, where adults learn from one another including graduate courses, in service, workshops, conferences, professional learning communities and other meetings focused on improving teaching and learning.

Facilities and Resources

Q14.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school facilities and resources.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Teachers[1] have sufficient access to instructional materials and/or tools that are necessary to perform duties.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Teachers have sufficient access to digital content and resources[2].	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Teachers receive prompt feedback when submitting web tools for review and approval.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Teachers have sufficient support in resolving technology issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Teachers have sufficient access to NCVPS staff members and/or other support personnel in order to solve problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

1. Teachers means a majority of teachers in your school.

2. Digital content and resources include online unit or lesson plans, videos of instructional practice, online assessments, open educational resources, standards and/or grades aligned digital materials, etc.

Q14.2. Please rate your experience in the amount of support you receive from each of the following divisions.

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
a. NCVPS Technology Support Staff and Help Desk	?	?	?	?	?	?
b. NCVPS Outreach and School Support Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
c. NCVPS Main Office Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
d. NCVPS Curriculum Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
e. NCVPS Instructional Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
f. NCVPS Professional Learning Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
g. NCVPS Leadership Staff	?	?	?	?	?	?
h. Department Instructional Leaders	?	?	?	?	?	?

Community Support and Involvement

Q15.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about community support and involvement in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. This school maintains clear, two-way communication with the community.	<input type="radio"/>				
b. This school does a good job of encouraging parent/guardian involvement.	<input type="radio"/>				
c. Teachers[1] provide parents/guardians with useful information about student learning.	<input type="radio"/>				
d. Parents/guardians know what is going on in this school.	<input type="radio"/>				
e. Parents/guardians support teachers, contributing to their success with students.	<input type="radio"/>				

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Teacher Leadership

Q16.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about teacher leadership in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. NCVPS teachers[1] are recognized as educational experts in the field of online education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. NCVPS teachers are trusted to make sound professional decisions about instruction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. NCVPS teachers are relied upon to make decisions about educational issues.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. NCVPS teachers are encouraged to participate in leadership roles[2].	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Effective processes are in place to allow teachers to make group decisions to solve problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. NCVPS encourages input from teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. NCVPS teachers feel their voices are heard pertaining to matters that concern them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q16.2. Please indicate the role teachers[1] have at your school in each of the following areas.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Selecting instructional materials and resources	<input type="checkbox"/>				
b. Devising teaching techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>				
c. Setting grading and student assessment practices	<input type="checkbox"/>				
d. Determining the content of in-service professional development programs	<input type="checkbox"/>				
e. Establishing student discipline procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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Q16.5. Teachers[1] have an appropriate level of influence on decision making in this school.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

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School Leadership

Q17.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about school leadership in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. The faculty and staff have a shared vision.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. There is an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect in this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Teachers[1] feel comfortable raising issues and concerns that are important to them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. The school leadership[2] consistently supports teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Teachers are held to high professional standards for delivering instruction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. The school leadership facilitates using data to improve student learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Teacher performance is assessed objectively.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Teachers receive feedback that can help them improve teaching.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. The procedures for teacher evaluation are consistent.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. The faculty are recognized for accomplishments.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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2. School leadership is an individual, group of individuals or team within the school that focuses on managing a complex operation. This may include scheduling; ensuring a safe school environment; reporting on students' academic, social and behavioral performance; using resources to provide the textbooks and instructional materials necessary for teaching and learning; overseeing the care and maintenance of the physical plant; or developing and implementing the school budget.

Q17.2. The school leadership[1] makes a sustained effort to address teacher concerns about:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Leadership issues	?	?	?	?	?
b. Facilities and resources	?	?	?	?	?
c. The use of time in my school	?	?	?	?	?
d. Professional development	?	?	?	?	?
e. Teacher leadership	?	?	?	?	?
f. Community support and involvement	?	?	?	?	?
g. Managing student conduct	?	?	?	?	?
h. Instructional practices and support	?	?	?	?	?

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Professional Development

Q18.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with statements about professional development in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. An appropriate amount of time is provided for professional development.	?	?	?	?	?
b. Professional development offerings are data driven.	?	?	?	?	?
c. Professional development is differentiated to meet the individual needs of teachers[2].	?	?	?	?	?
d. Professional development deepens teachers' content knowledge.	?	?	?	?	?
e. Teachers have sufficient training in using instructional tools.	?	?	?	?	?
f. In this school, follow up is provided from professional development.	?	?	?	?	?
g. Professional development provides ongoing opportunities for teachers to work with colleagues to refine teaching practices.	?	?	?	?	?
h. Professional development is evaluated and results are communicated to teachers.	?	?	?	?	?
i. Professional development enhances teachers' ability to implement instructional strategies that meet diverse student learning needs.	?	?	?	?	?
j. Professional development enhances teachers' abilities to improve student learning.	?	?	?	?	?
k. Teachers have a voice in determining content of professional learning opportunities.	?	?	?	?	?

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2. Teachers means a majority of teachers in your school.

Q18.2. How would you rate your experience with professional learning opportunities provided in the following areas?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
a. E-Learning communities	?	?	?	?	?	?
b. Online modules	?	?	?	?	?	?

Instructional Practices and Support

Q19.1. Please rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about instructional practices and support in your school.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Teachers[1] use assessment data to inform their instruction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The curriculum taught in this school is aligned with Common Core Standards.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Teachers work in professional learning communities (ELCs) to develop and align instructional practices.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Provided supports (i.e. instructional coaching, professional learning communities, etc.) translate to improvements in instructional practices by teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Teachers are encouraged to try new things to improve instruction.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Teachers are assigned classes that maximize their likelihood of success with students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Teachers have autonomy to make decisions about instructional delivery (i.e. pacing, materials and pedagogy).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. State assessments provide schools with data that can help improve teaching.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Communication

Q20.1. The communication teachers receive from the following individuals is helpful and professional.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
a. Communication from Instructional Directors (1)	?	?	?	?	?
b. Communication from Instructional Leaders (2)	?	?	?	?	?
c. Communication from Course Leads	?	?	?	?	?
d. Communication from Division Directors	?	?	?	?	?
e. Communication from Office Support Staff	?	?	?	?	?
f. Communication from Chief Academic Officer	?	?	?	?	?
g. Overall communication from NCVPS	?	?	?	?	?
h. State assessments provide schools with data that can help improve teaching.	?	?	?	?	?

Overall

Q21.1. Which of the following best describes your immediate professional plans?

- Continue teaching at my current school
- Continue teaching in this district but leave this school
- Continue teaching in this state but leave this district
- Continue working in education but pursue an administrative position
- Continue working in education but pursue a non-administrative position
- Leave education entirely

Q21.2. Which aspect of your teaching conditions most affects your willingness to keep teaching at your school?

- Time during the work day
- Facilities and resources
- Community support and involvement
- Managing student conduct
- Teacher leadership
- School leadership
- Professional development
- Instructional practices and support

Q21.3. Which aspect of your teaching conditions is most important to you in promoting student learning?

- Time during the work day
- Facilities and resources
- Community support and involvement
- Managing student conduct
- Teacher leadership
- School leadership
- Professional development
- Instructional practices and support

Q21.4. Overall, my school is a good place to work and learn.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know