

Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) 2024

Frequently Asked Questions

Information for Teachers

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What is TALIS?

TALIS is an international survey of teaching and learning environments. It asks teachers and principals questions about their backgrounds, work environments, professional development, and beliefs and attitudes about teaching. TALIS is unique because it is the only comparative international education survey that collects data from nationally representative samples of teachers and their school principals.

TALIS' main objective is to provide accurate and relevant international indicators on teachers and teaching towards the goal of helping countries review current conditions and develop informed education policy. TALIS offers an opportunity for teachers and school principals to provide their perspectives on the state of education in their own countries, allowing for a global view of teachers and the education systems in which they work. TALIS is being conducted in grades 7, 8, and 9 in the United States.

What is TKS?

The Teacher Knowledge Survey (TKS) is a new survey included in TALIS 2024 that investigates the different pedagogical decisions teachers make in the classroom. The main objective of TKS is to gather information to improve the quality of teaching for better student learning by focusing on the following questions:

- How can we improve teacher learning for more effective teaching?
- How can we improve pedagogy for more effective learning?

What role do teachers have in TALIS?

Teachers are the main source of information for TALIS. TALIS gives you an opportunity to provide information that is critical to understanding the conditions and activities of teaching in your school as well as to voice your perspectives on teaching and learning at your school.

TALIS 2024 includes the core TALIS Teacher Questionnaire that is similar to what was used in prior rounds of TALIS, plus a new Teacher Knowledge Survey (TKS). Teachers will complete either the core TALIS or the TKS instrument. Questionnaires cover the following topics:

- Teacher background and characteristics;
- Teachers' instructional approaches and pedagogical practices;
- Teacher professional development; and
- Teacher appraisal and feedback.

How long will it take to complete the questionnaire?

The Teacher Questionnaire will take approximately 60 minutes to complete online. Paper versions will also be available.

Teachers will receive \$25 for completing the Teacher Questionnaire.

TALIS does not have to be completed during the school day or during instructional hours. Teachers can complete the survey during a time that is best for their schedule.

How was I selected to take the TALIS Teacher Questionnaire?

The TALIS School Coordinator in your school (the person designated by your school principal to communicate with TALIS staff) provided a list of all teachers who teach any students in grades 7, 8, or 9. You are one of up to 35 teachers from your school who were selected to participate. Your participation in TALIS is vital to assure that your views are represented.

How can I access the questionnaire?

To access the questionnaire you will need to have an internet connection, a suitable internet browser (see the list below), and your login credentials. You will be emailed a unique hyperlink that you can click on to access the questionnaire directly. The TALIS staff are ready to work with you to make access and completion of the Teacher Questionnaire as easy and efficient as possible.

The latest, up-to-date version of the following browsers are supported by TALIS and can be downloaded for free if you do not already have them installed on the computer:

- Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- Google Chrome
- Safari (Mac version)

What will be done with the information you collect from me?

Your responses to the questionnaire will be combined with those from other participating teachers across the United States to produce summary statistics and reports. By law, data provided by schools and staff may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (20 U.S.C. §9573 and 6 U.S.C. §151). Reports of the findings will not identify participating districts, schools, or individual staff. For a recent example of how TALIS data are reported, please visit <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/talis/talis2018/>.

Thank you for participating in TALIS!

Where can I go for help or technical support?

If you have any questions or experience any difficulties, please contact the U.S. TALIS Team at 1-855-727-9591 or email TALISHELP@westat.com.

For more information on TALIS, including results from previous data collections, please visit the TALIS website at <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/talis>.