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- This school: 80%
- The State: 70%
- NA: Too few responses to report

#### Lack of support from teachers and/or other staff

- This school: 60%
- The State: 50%
- NA: Too few responses to report

#### Lack of training for teachers

- This school: 40%
- The State: 30%
- NA: Too few responses to report

#### Lack of developed curriculum

- This school: 20%
- The State: 10%
- NA: Too few responses to report

#### Lack of information for teachers about the reforms and/or what is expected for school improvement

- This school: 60%
- The State: 50%
- NA: Too few responses to report

### Teacher Participation Rates

- % of teachers who responded to the SALT Survey
  - This school: 80%
  - The State: 70%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

### Teacher efficacy

- I am encouraged to make my own decisions
  - This school: 80%
  - The State: 70%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

- My team or grade level shares professional material and information with each other
  - This school: 80%
  - The State: 70%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

- Student discipline/behavioral management
  - This school: 60%
  - The State: 50%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

- School-wide goals
  - This school: 40%
  - The State: 30%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

- The opportunities they have to take part in decisions
  - This school: 20%
  - The State: 10%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

- The extent to which teachers and staff support school improvement
  - This school: 60%
  - The State: 50%
  - NA: Too few responses to report

### Additional teacher-quality indicators

- Teachers with emergency certification (%)
  - This School: 0%
  - This District: 0%
  - The State: 2%

- Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%)
  - This School: 21%
  - This District: 21%
  - The State: 26%

- Grievances
  - This School: 0
  - This District: 0
  - The State: 409

- Teacher attendance (%)
  - This School: 98%
  - This District: 98%
  - The State: 96%

- Time out of class for professional development (%)
  - This School: 1%
  - This District: 1%
  - The State: 1%

- Time out of class for medical reasons (%)
  - This School: 2%
  - This District: 2%
  - The State: 4%

- Time out of class for other reasons (%)
  - This School: 2%
  - This District: 2%
  - The State: 1%

- Total time out of class (%)
  - This School: 5%
  - This District: 5%
  - The State: 6%

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