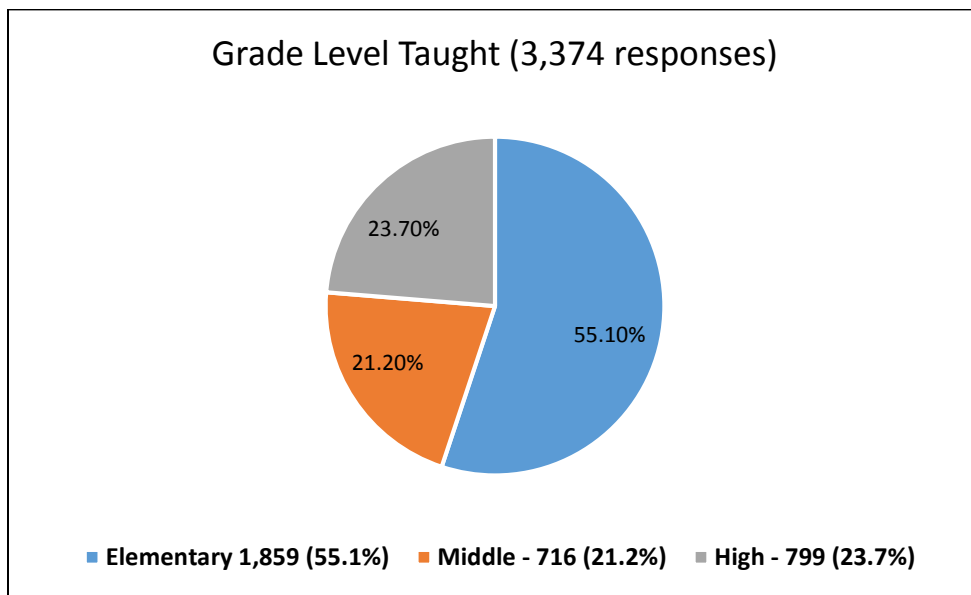




Results of the 2017 Social Studies Survey Education – Core Content Areas – Accountability Program

The following is a summary of the surveys of local school systems that were conducted pursuant to House Bill 1227: Education-Core Content Areas-Accountability Program. The information was gathered in the fall of 2017. The administration of the social studies survey contained questions to explore the legislatively mandated areas of focus: instructional time for social studies, availability and use of appropriate instructional materials, instructional technology, and teacher certification.



The number of survey respondents:

Grade Band	Teachers	Districts
Elementary	1,859	
Middle	716	
High	799	
Total	3374	24

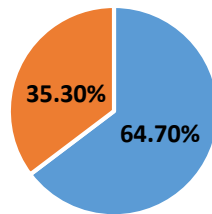


Summary

The 2017 survey is consistent with the 2016 results, and data going back to the first survey in 2012. The data indicates strong differences between the materials, professional development, and instructional time available to elementary level social studies teachers and their secondary counterparts. While increasing in 2017, instructional time for social studies at the elementary level is dramatically lower and less consistent between counties than instructional time in the middle and high schools. For the majority of elementary schools, social studies is taught as a stand-alone subject, by teachers responsible for multiple subject areas. The survey indicates that most teachers across grade bands engage in social studies specific professional development during teacher planning time and planning time shared with colleagues. The desire for social studies specific professional development is most pronounced at the elementary level. Social studies teachers teaching out of their area of certification remains a challenge for many districts. Discrepancies in certification data across districts from year to year may be due to the district's definition of "classes."

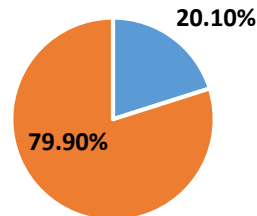
Elementary Social Studies Instruction Overview

In what grade band do you teach social studies?
(1,858 responses):



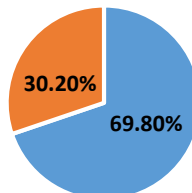
■ Pre-K - 1,202 ■ Grade 4 or 5 - 656

Within your grade band, is social studies
(1,855 responses):



■ Departmentalized 372 ■ Single teacher, multiple subjects 1,483

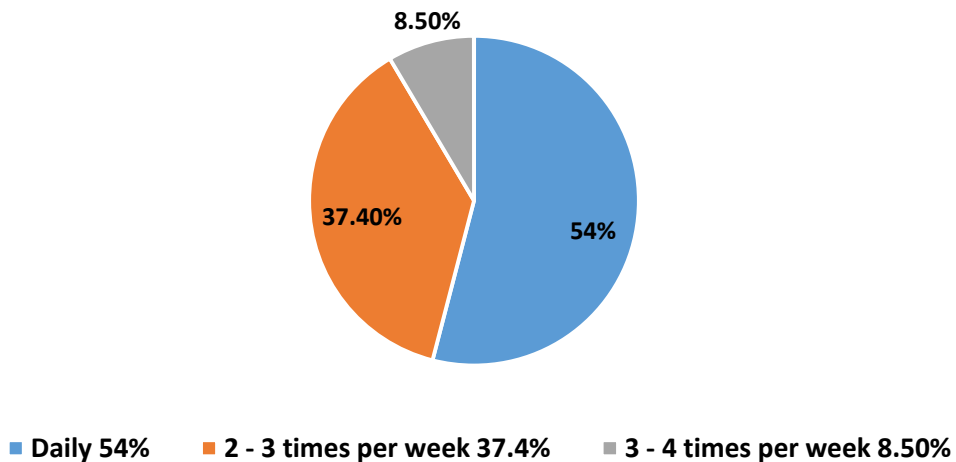
Is social studies (1,852 responses):



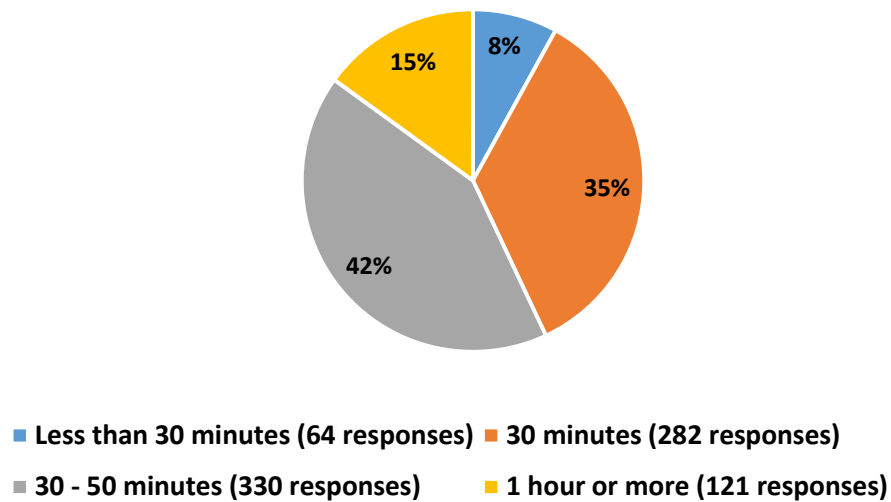
■ Integrated with English Language Arts (or another subject) - 1, 293
■ Taught as stand-alone subject - 559

Instructional Time in Elementary Schools

Elementary: Approximately how often do you teach social studies throughout the year? (Teachers as respondents, 797 total responses):

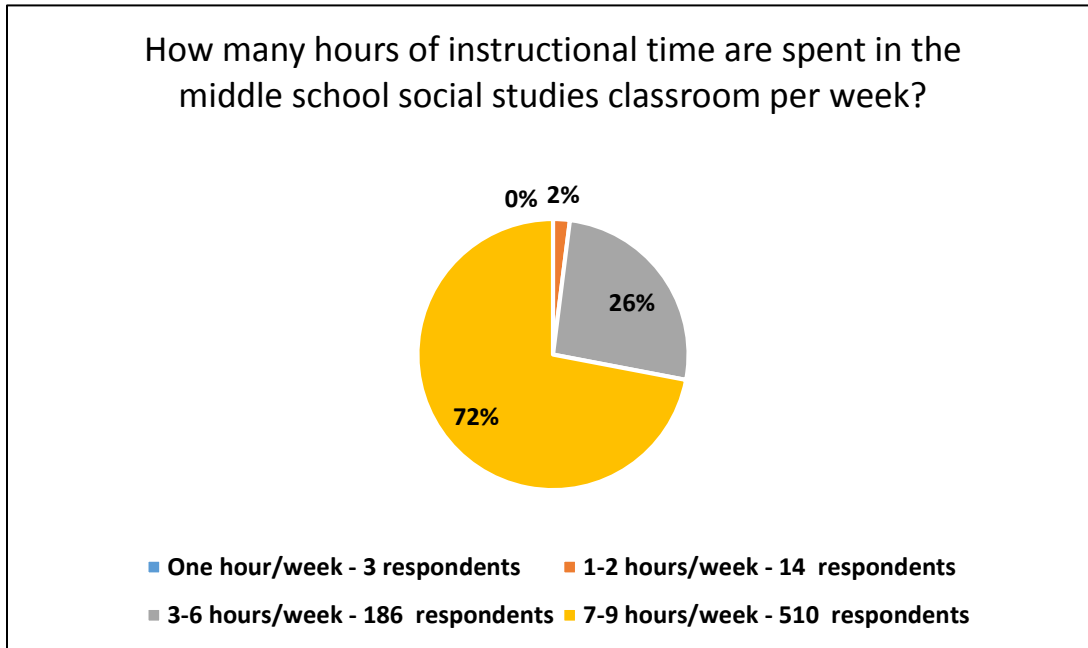


Elementary: When you teach social studies, how many hours of instructional time do you dedicate to social studies? (Teachers as respondents, 814 total responses):



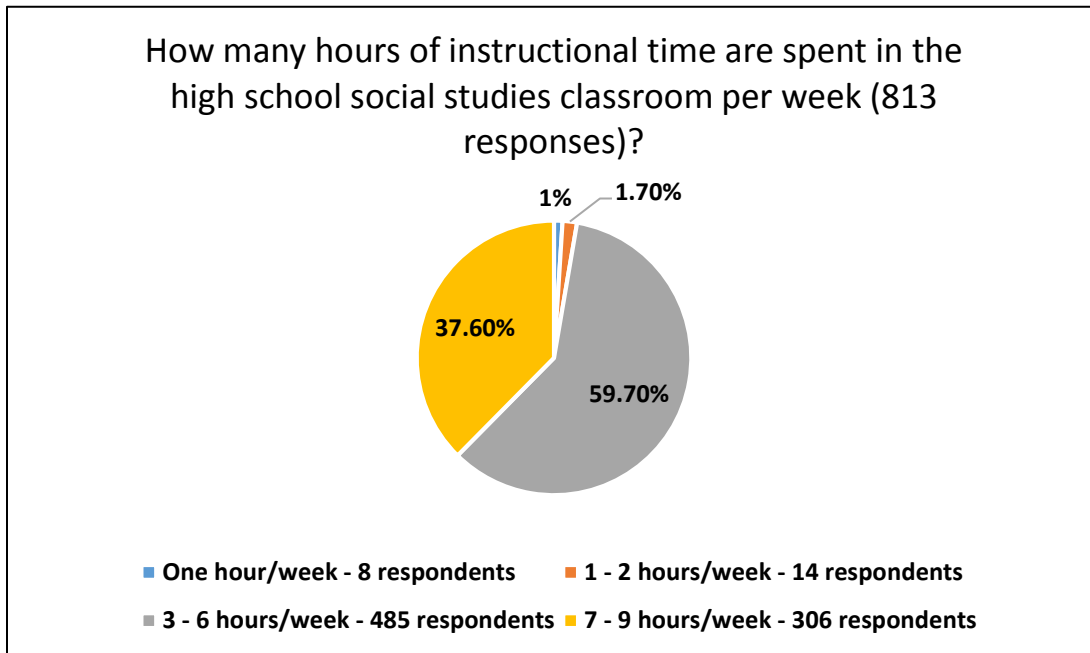
Instructional Time in Middle Schools

How many hours of instructional time are spent in the middle school social studies classroom per week?



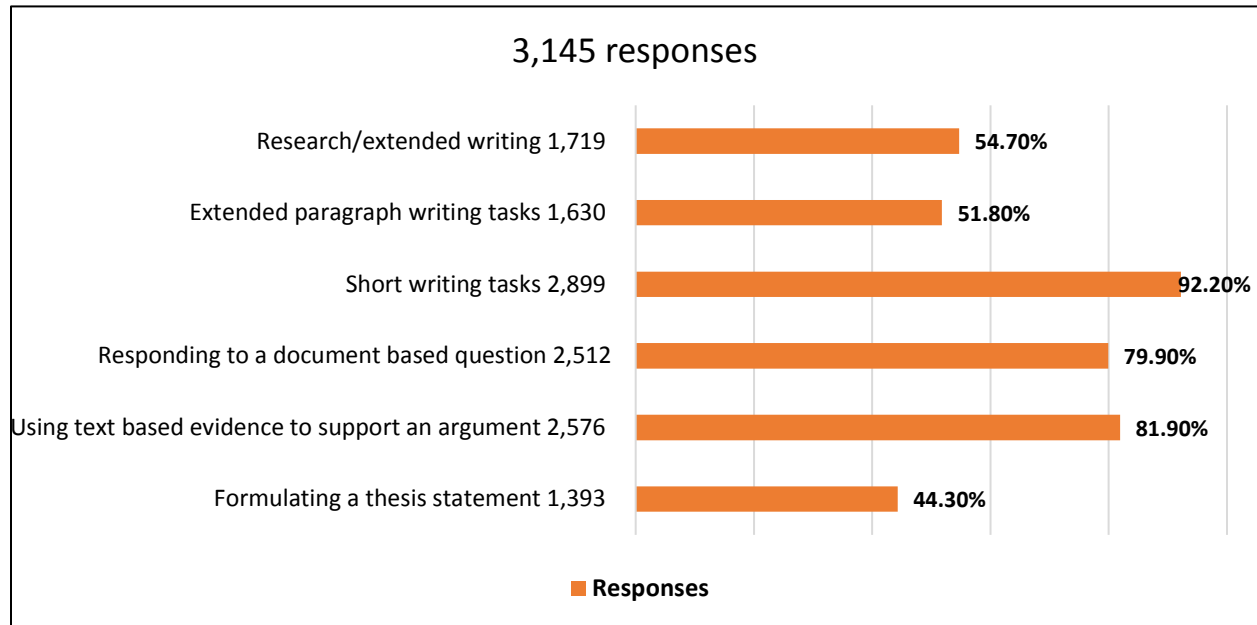
Instructional Time in High Schools

How many hours of instructional time are spent in the high school social studies classroom per week (813 responses)?

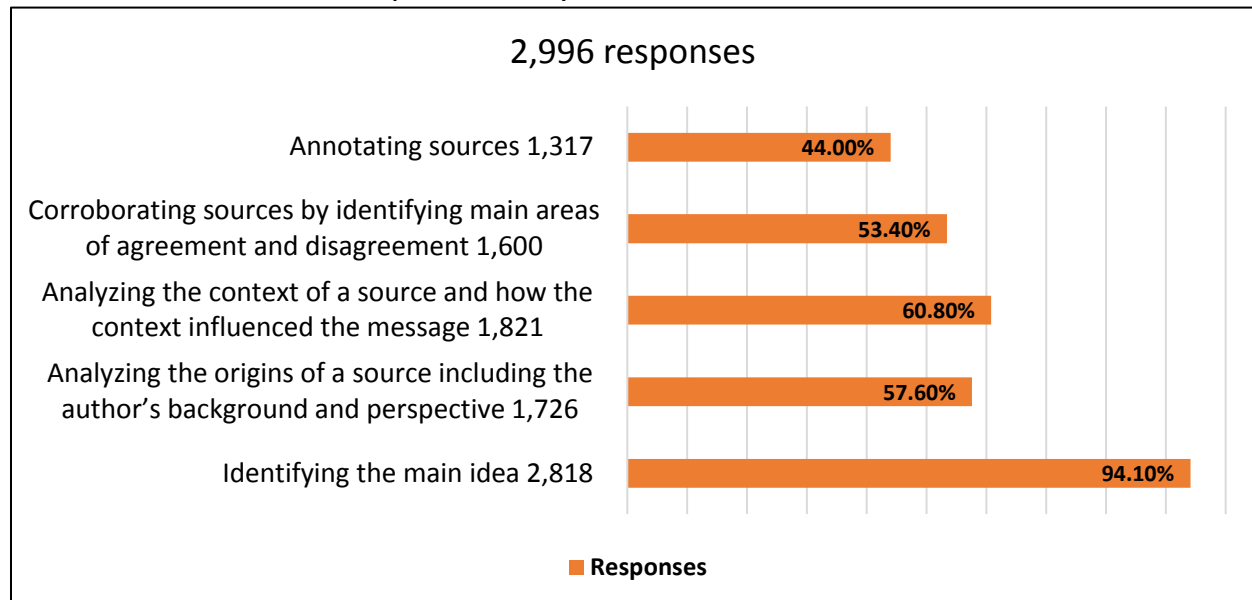


Disciplinary Literacy

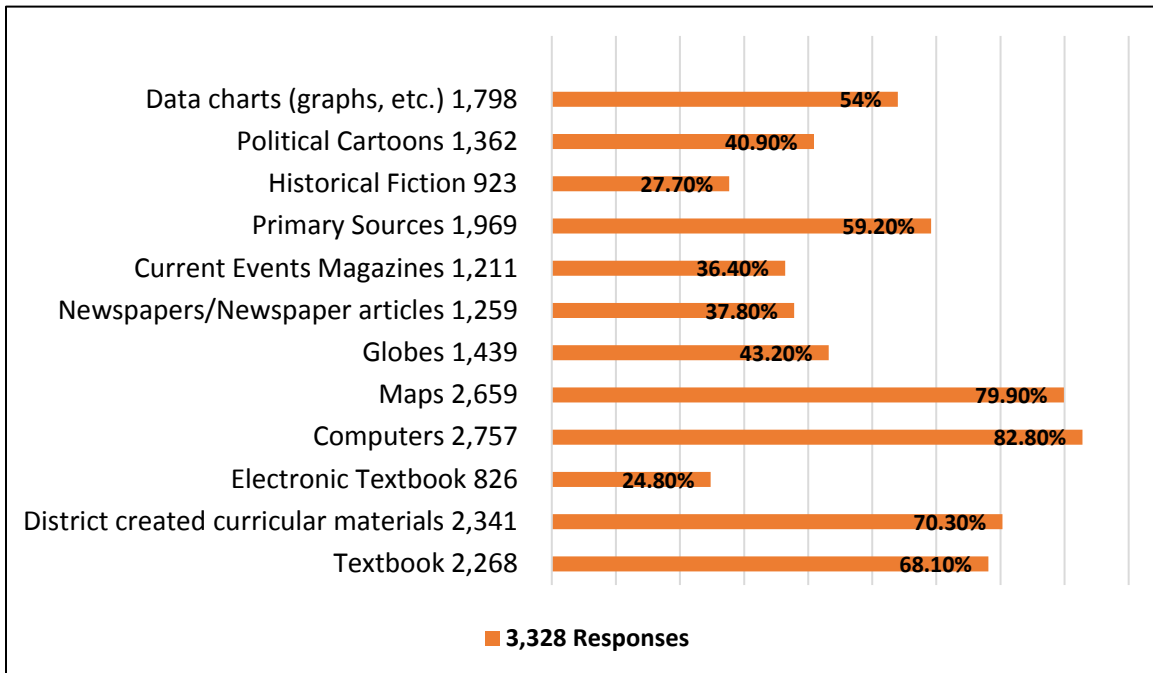
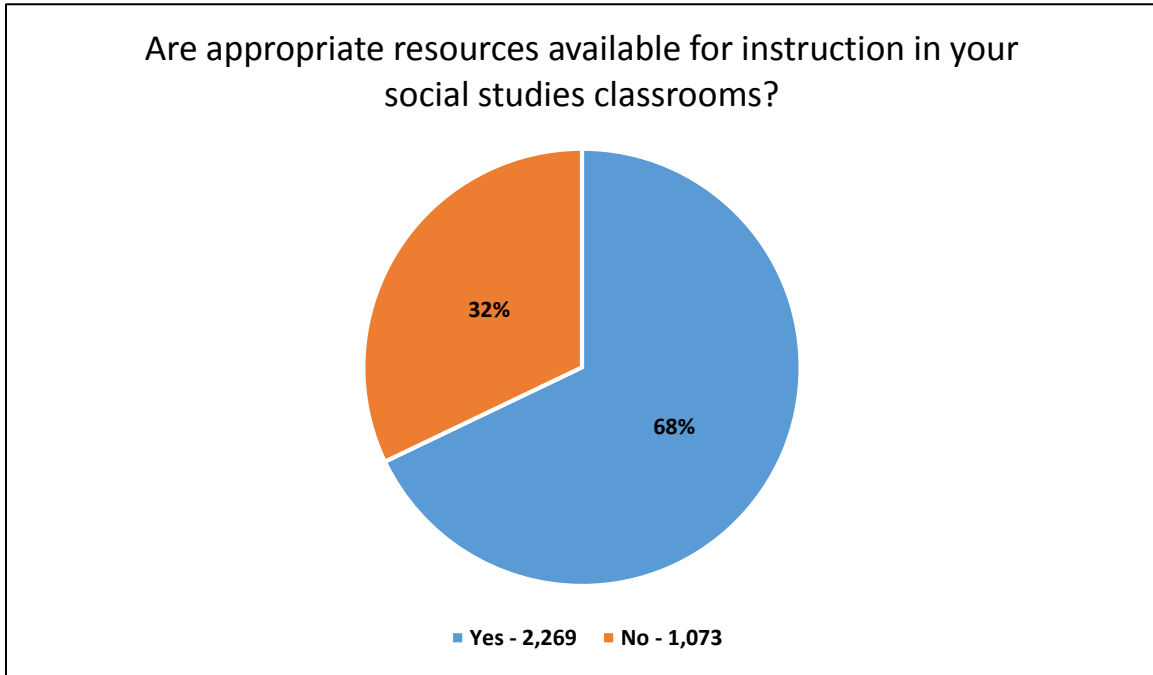
Please select all of the following writing skills that you teach and have students practice in your class:



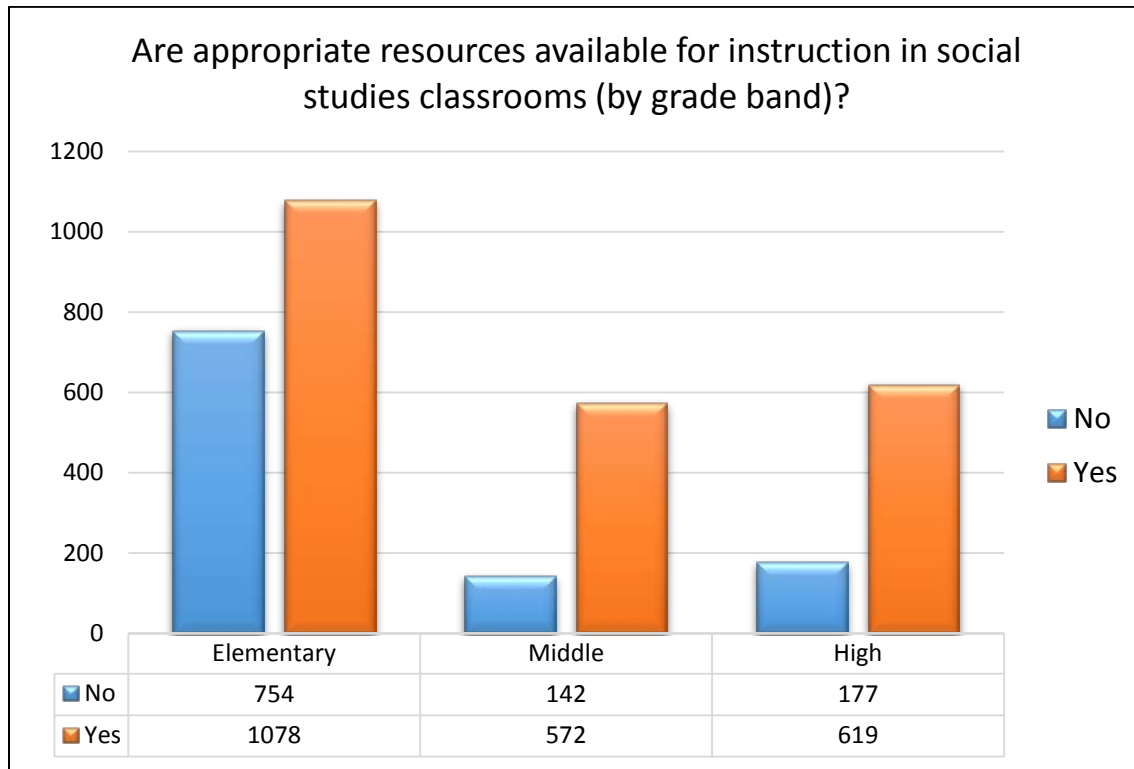
Please select all of the following reading and document analysis skills that you teach and have students practice in your class:



Resources for Social Studies Instruction

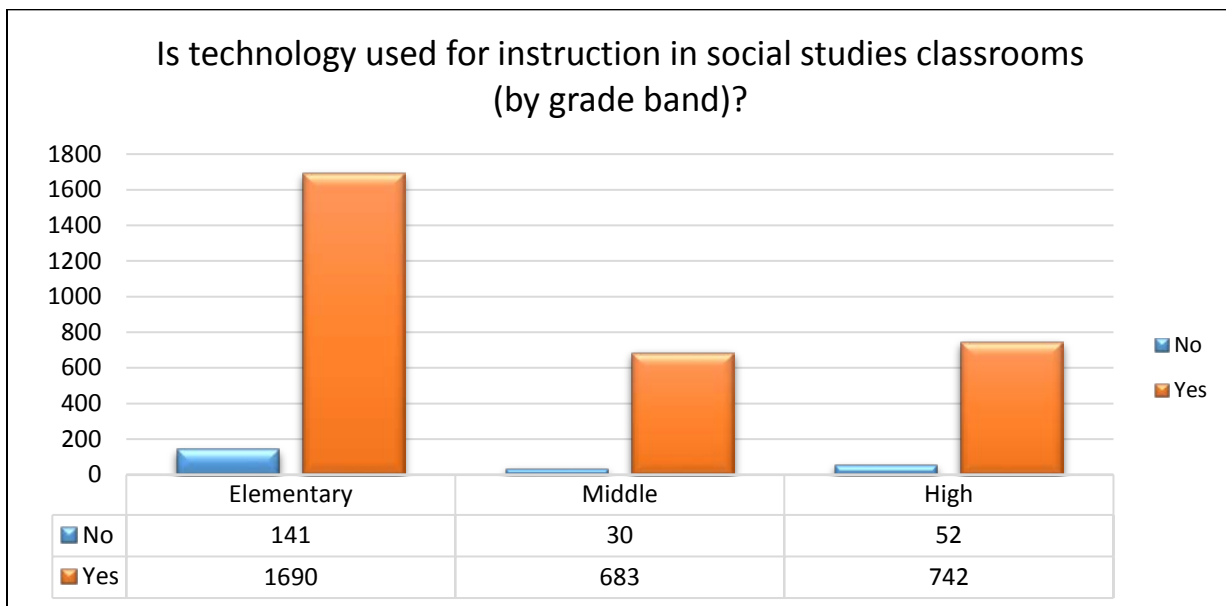
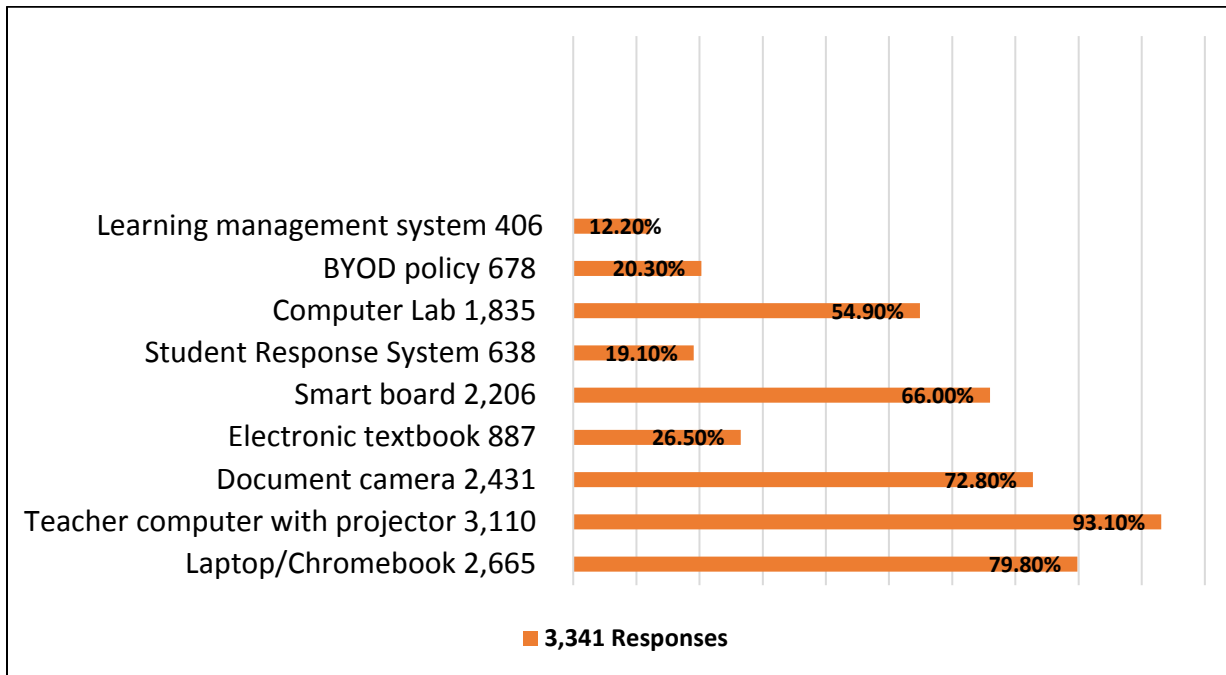


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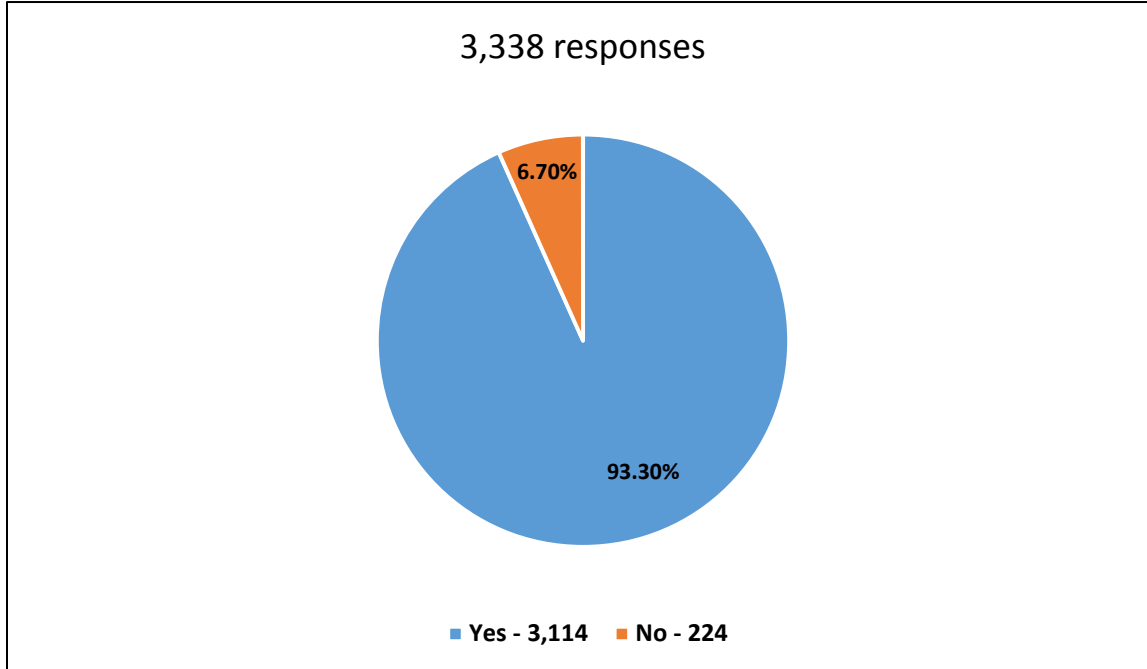


Instructional Technology for Social Studies

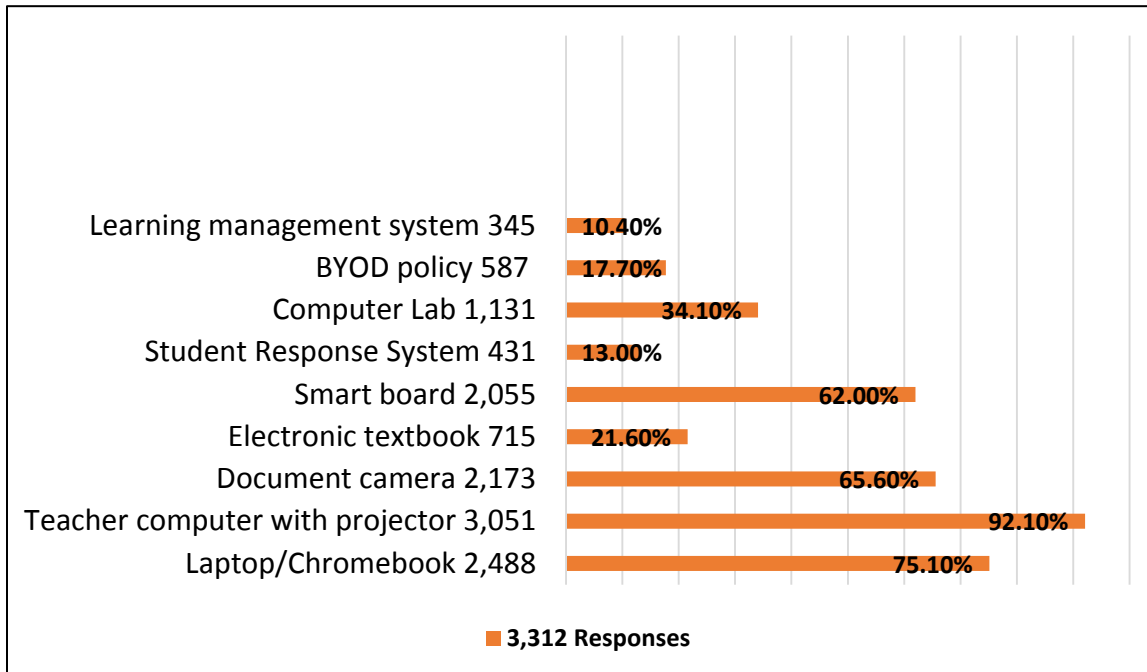
Select all of the types of technology available to you for social studies instructional purposes:



Is available technology used for instruction in social studies classrooms?



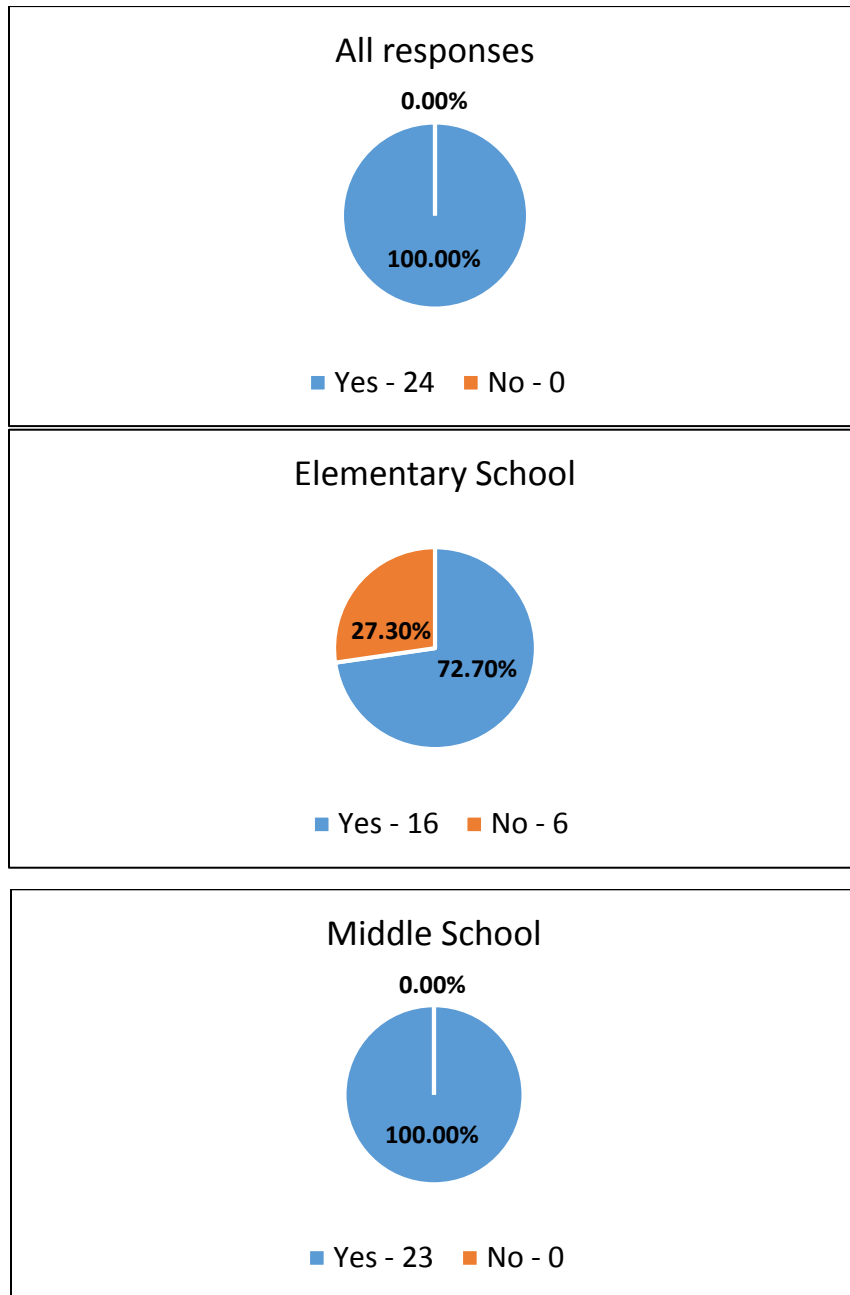
Select all of the types of technology you utilize for social studies instructional purposes:



Professional Development in Social Studies

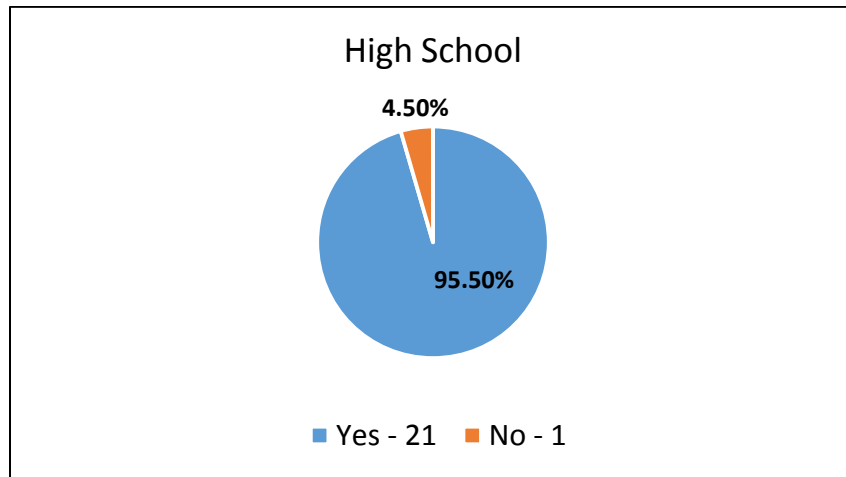
Professional Development provided by districts (Supervisors as respondents):

Is there district level, social studies specific, professional development opportunities for teachers?



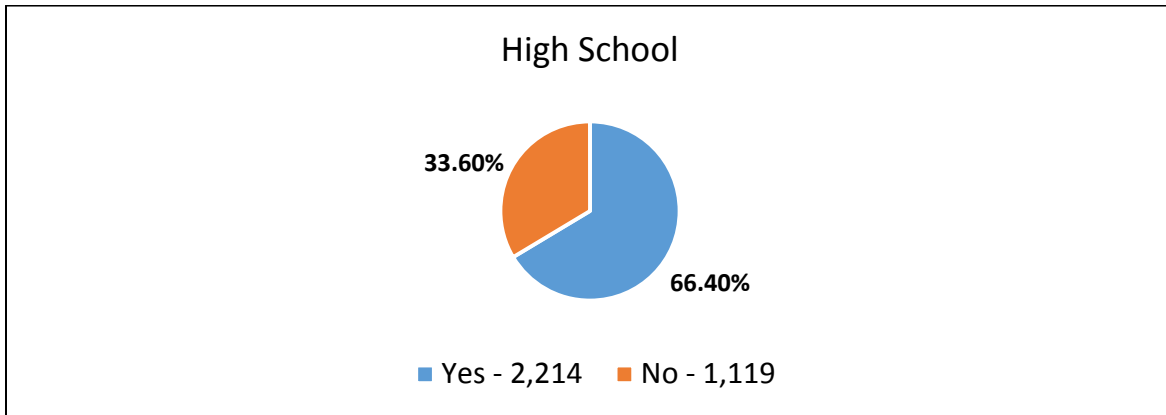


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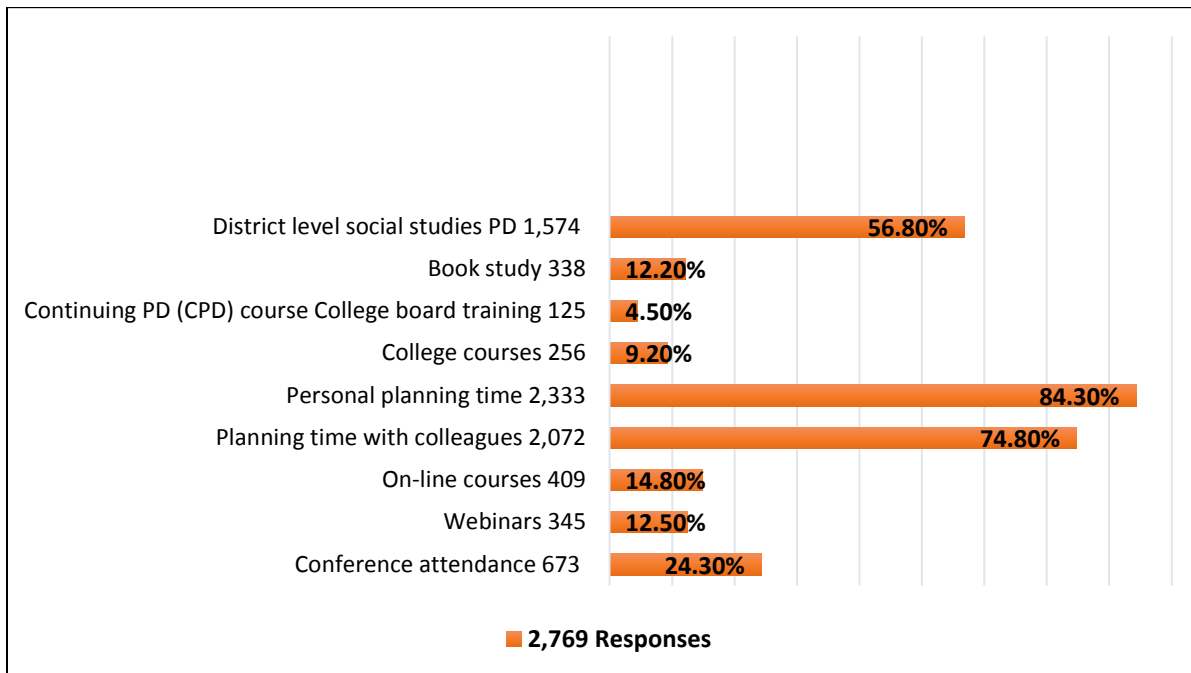


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Is there appropriate social studies-specific professional development available to you? (Teachers as respondents):

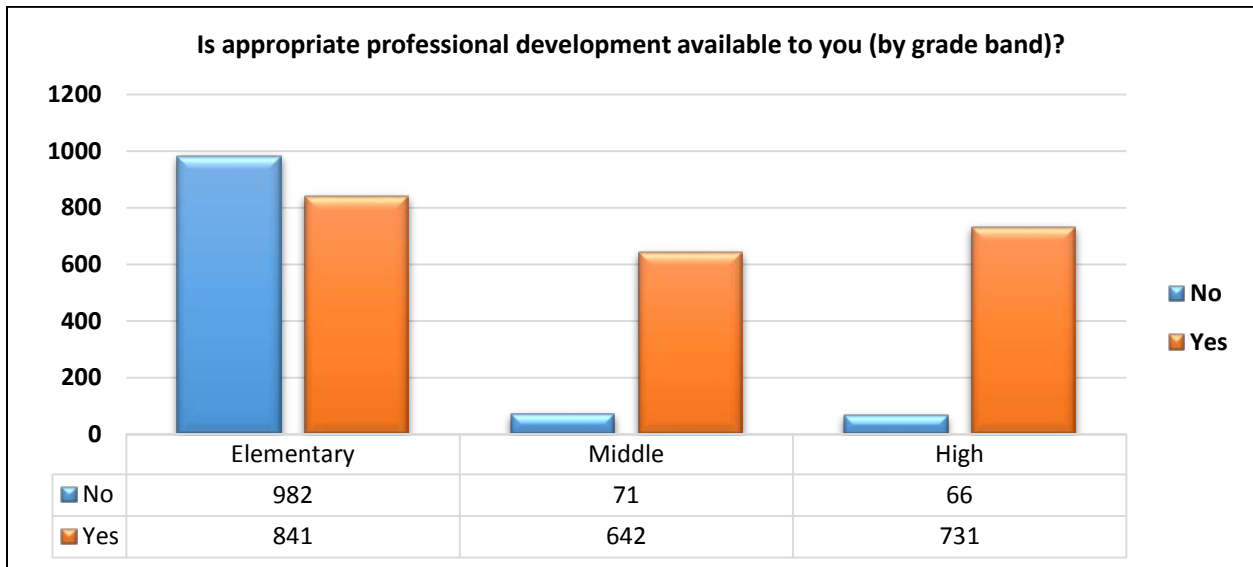


Select all the types of social studies professional development you engaged in during the past 12 months:



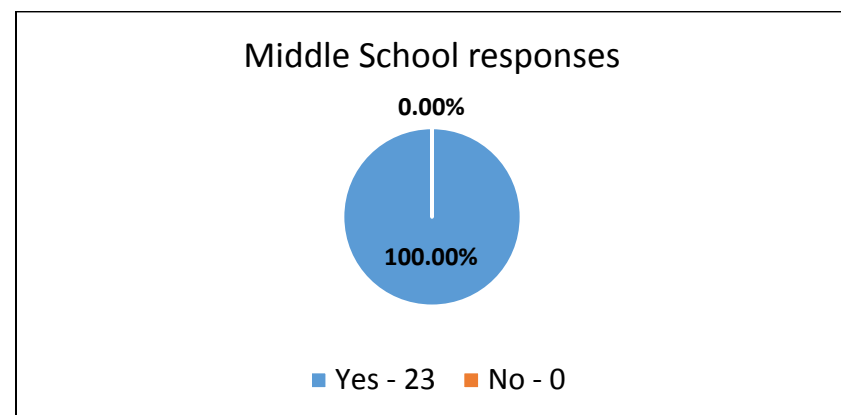
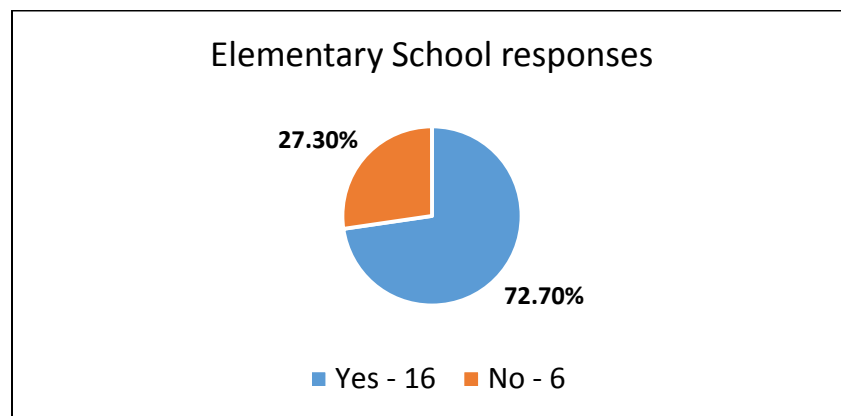
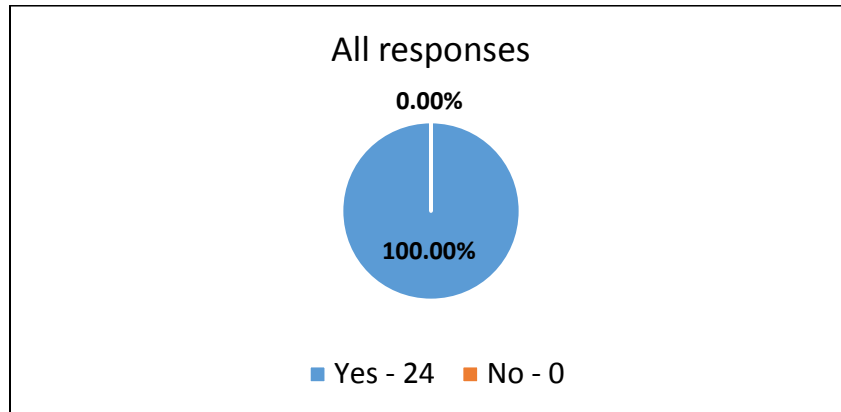


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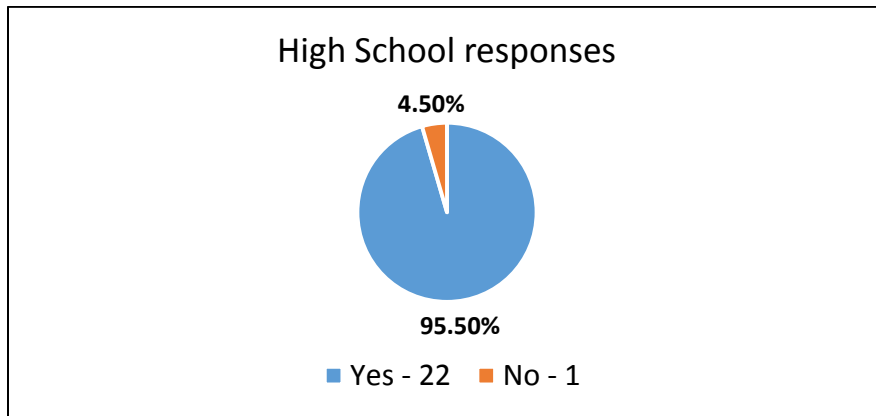
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Are there district level, social studies specific, professional development opportunities for teachers? (Supervisors as respondents)

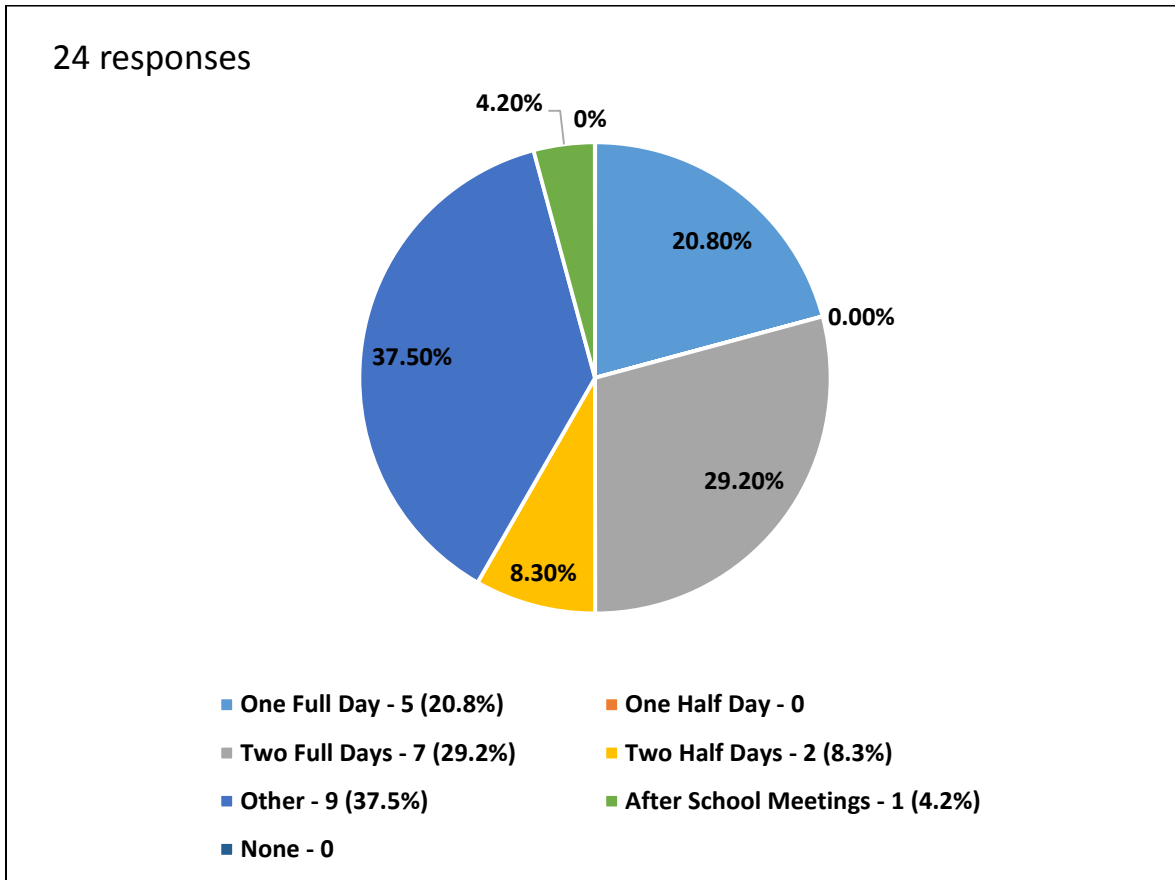




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District-level professional development meetings are held (per school year):
(Supervisors as respondents)





Social Studies Certification

How many secondary school social studies classes are taught by teachers who are teaching a majority of classes out of their area of certification?

LEA	Number of middle school classes taught by teachers out of their area of certification.	Number of high school classes taught by teachers out of their area of certification.
Allegany	0	0
Anne Arundel	Data Not Available	Data Not Available
Baltimore City	171	73
Baltimore	Data Not Available	Data Not Available
Calvert	38	6
Caroline	No Data Reported	No Data Reported
Carroll	1	0
Cecil	0	0
Charles	54	10
Dorchester	No Data Reported	No Data Reported
Frederick	2	3
Garrett	0	0
Harford	96	6
Howard	16	5
Kent	0	0
Montgomery	84	46
Prince George's	62	54
Queen Anne's	0	0
St. Mary's	0	0
Somerset	1	0
Talbot	0	0
Washington	35	10
Wicomico	0	0
Worcester	26	0



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Certification for middle school social studies teachers

LEA	Elementary Certified	Middle School Certified	Secondary Certified
Allegany	1	3	8
Anne Arundel	37	128	128
Baltimore City	100	276	61
Baltimore	Data Not Available	Data Not Available	Data Not Available
Calvert	6	22	16
Caroline	No Data Reported	No Data Reported	No Data Reported
Carroll	5	2	53
Cecil	18	9	18
Charles	8	12	38
Dorchester	No Data Reported	No Data Reported	No Data Reported
Frederick	2	0	2
Garrett	6	0	4
Harford	24	11	58
Howard	33	14	86
Kent	1	1	1
Montgomery	25	69	199
Prince George's	10	51	76
Queen Anne's	6	4	14
St. Mary's	7	12	17
Somerset	2	4	4
Talbot	2	2	6
Washington	7	6	24
Wicomico	5	11	43
Worcester	6	4	8