

Supporting Early-Career Teachers

A Strategic Investment

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Session Objectives

A Review **trends** in teacher retention and turnover, and understand **perspectives and needs** of those entering the field.

 Explore the connections between early-career teacher support and strategic advantages for a school.

A Gain **strategies and ideas** to build programs, practices, and cultures to support early-career teachers.



Today

- ▲ Trends & Data
- Perspectives & Frameworks
- Strategic Advantages



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Current Strengths (+)	Current Opportunities (Δ)	Instructional & Induction Practice Mentoring & Support School Culture Management Culture & &
		WHAT ► SO WHAT ►
		NOW WHAT ►





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INPORTANT

NOT IMPORTANT

Q1. NECESSITY

- EMERGENCIES
- CRISES
- LAST-MINUTE DEADLINES
- UNFORESEEN EVENTS

Q2. EXTRAORDINARY

PRODUCTIVITY

- PROJUTVE WORK
- PLANNING
- CREATIVE THINKING
- RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
- LEARNING

Q3. DISTRACTION

- INTERRUPTIONS
- EMAIL
- DEVICE NOTIFICATIONS
- IRRELEVANT MEETINGS
- OFFICE DROP-INS

Q4. WASTE

- BUSY WORK
- EXCESSIVE
 ENTERTAINMENT: TV,
 VIDEO GAMES,
 SOCIAL MEDIA
- GOSSIP
- PROCR ASTINATION





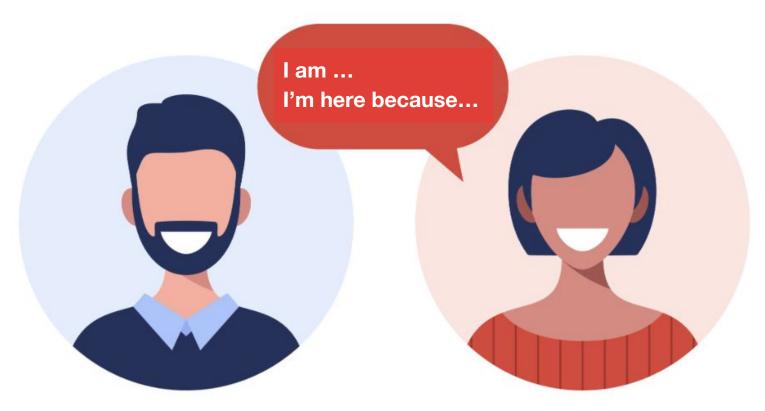


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Trends & Data



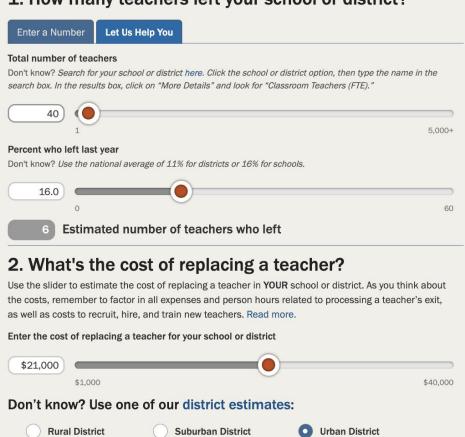




160/08% attrition 2/3 not retiring 8% transfer

\$20,000+ per replacement

1. How many teachers left your school or district?



Estimated Cost of Turnover *

\$134,400

Cutting turnover in half would save

\$67,200

Teacher turnover is costly, and not just in dollars. Studies show that student achievement suffers in schools with high turnover.

Magnet: No

Title I Eligible: Yes

Schoolwide Title I Eligible: No

Inrollment Characteristics (2021-2022 school year)

School Directory Information (2021-2022 school year) School Name: NCES School ID: State School ID: SARASOTA SCHOOL OF 120168003265 FL-58-0083 ARTS/SCIENCES District Name: NCES District ID: State District ID: Sarasota 1201680 FL-58 district information Mailing Address: Physical Address: 717 CENTRAL AVE 717 CENTRAL AVE (941)330-1855 SARASOTA, FL 34236-4088 SARASOTA, FL 34236-4088 Charter: Regular school Open Supervisory Union #: Grade Span: (grades 6 - 8) http://www.ssas.org School Details (2021-2022 school year) County:Sarasota County schools in county Locale: City: Small (13)

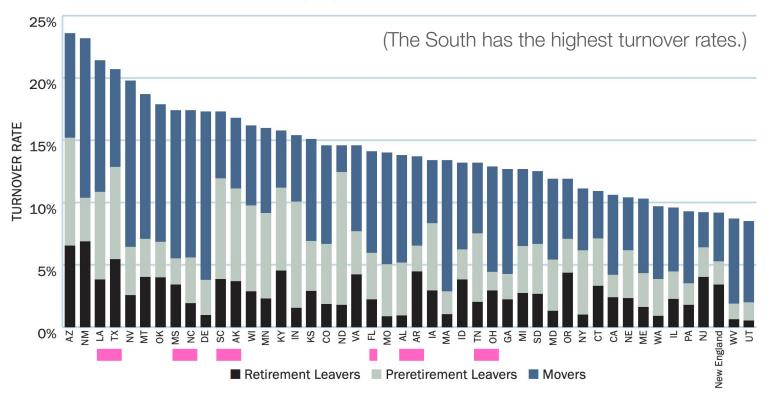
Classroom Teachers (FTE): 40.00

Student/Teacher Ratio:

What's the Cost of Teacher Turnover? (2022, September 7). Learning Policy Institute. https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/product/the-cost-of-teacher-turnover?leavenm=55&number=40&leavepc=16&cost=21000&tab



Teacher Turnover Varies Widely by State





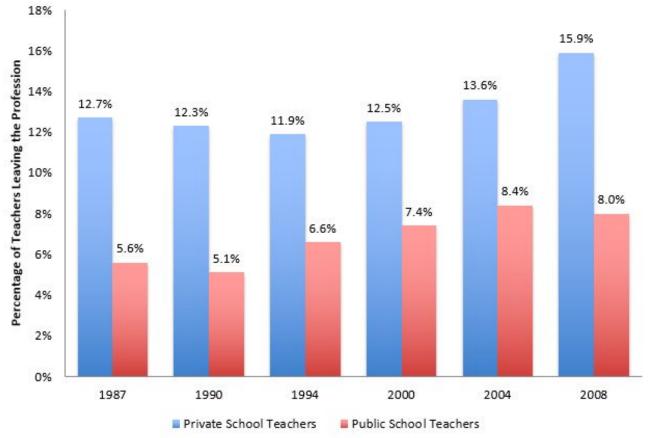
Policy Recommendations

- Compensation
- Teacher Preparation & Support
- School Leadership



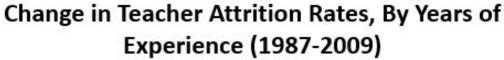


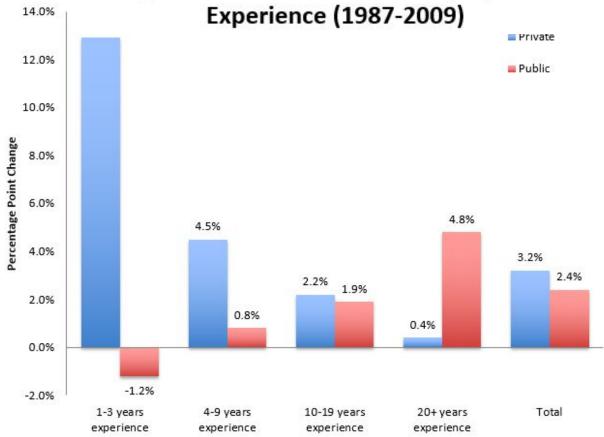








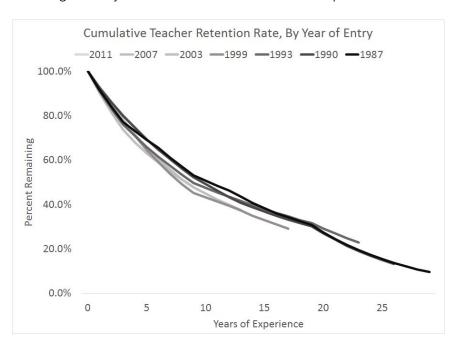


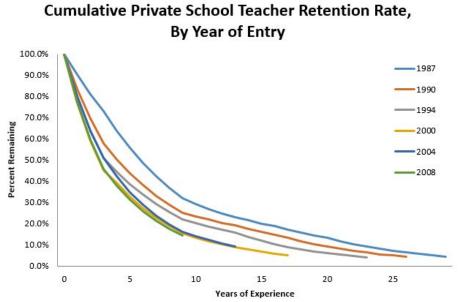






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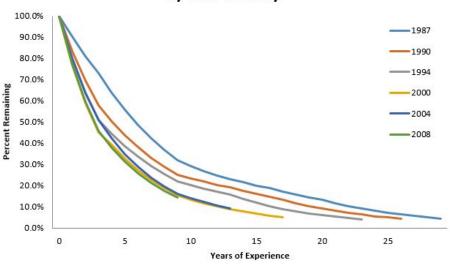




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		Year of Entry					
Cumulative		1987	1990	1994	2000	2004	2008
Retention	0	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate By	1	90.0%	83.3%	79.9%	76.7%	79.8%	77.1%
Years of	2	81.1%	69.4%	63.8%	58.8%	63.7%	59.4%
	3	73.0%	57.8%	51.0%	45.1%	50.8%	45.8%
	4	63.7%	50.3%	44.4%	39.3%	42.2%	37.9%
	5	55.6%	43.7%	38.6%	32.6%	34.9%	31.3%
	6	48.6%	38.1%	33.6%	27.1%	28.8%	25.8%
	7	42.2%	33.1%	29.2%	22.5%	23.8%	21.3%
	8	36.8%	28.8%	25.4%	18.7%	19.7%	17.6%
	9	32.0%	25.1%	22.1%	15.5%	16.2%	14.6%
	10	29.3%	23.4%	20.3%	13.5%	14.1%	

Cumulative Private School Teacher Retention Rate, By Year of Entry



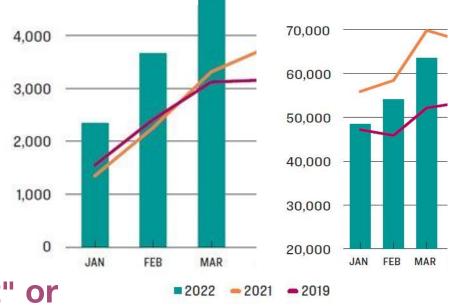




New Users Visiting NAIS Career Center



independent school teachers more likely to leave



Job Postings: Three-Year Comparison

540 "somewhat" or "very likely" to leave in the (double from 2019) next two years

Teacher Turnover Rates Are Increasing—Will Your School Survive? | Independent School Management (2023). https://isminc.com/advisory/publications/the-source/teacher-turno-

NAIS - Trend Lines: What's on the Horizon for Teacher Hiring. (2023). Nais.org. https://www.nais.org/magazine/independent-school/summer-2022/trend-lines-what-s-n-the-horizon-for-teacher-hiring.

NAIS - Research Insights: Are Independent Teachers Happy? (2023). Nais.org. https://www.nais.org/magazine/independent-school/fall-2019/research-insights





lack of preparation increases likelihood of leaving after one year

2.5x

To improve teacher effectiveness and retention:

- Mentoring
- Reduced teaching load
- Time for collaborative planning
- Professional growth plan



Research Insights: Are Independent School Teachers Happy?





A study...which focused on a subset of independent schools... found that teachers reported higher job satisfaction when their values aligned with the school's mission. This study emphasized the importance of hiring practices that ensure alignment with the school's mission and values.



Teacher Turnover Rates Are Increasing—Will Your School Survive?





Ensuring your faculty culture is predictable and supportive

-especially in uncertain times—is one of the best ways you can help prevent teacher burnout and turnover.









Evaluate your new teacher onboarding process:

For new teachers, support should be yearlong, not just in August. Communicate what success looks like at your school and establish systems for evaluation and support to achieve that. Anticipate questions they may ask you and are asking themselves. Find ways to ease pressure on new teachers as exhaustion sets in through the year. Create built-in points of contact for new teachers and ask experienced teachers to serve as mentors. Additionally, senior leaders should routinely check in with new teachers to establish a relationship with them.



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Meet the needs of BIPOC educators:

Teachers of color bear a disproportionate burden in their roles and responsibilities. Support from their leaders is essential, which means a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in both practice and policy.



Research Insights: Understanding Teacher Attraction and Retention



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Job 1 - Seeking Fulfillment and Impact

Job 2 - Seeking Support and Respect

Job 3 - Seeking Work-Life Balance



Job 1: Seeking Fulfillment and Impact

ATTRACTION

- Understand the passions of potential teachers.
- Help them translate knowledge and experience into a classroom setting.
- Help them develop and present a curriculum.
- Find ways to help them reconcile monetary trade-offs (day care or housing at no cost).

RETENTION

- Ensure that they receive positive feedback that shows their impact.
- Provide mentors and/or offer resources that can reduce anxieties about teaching.
- Help them understand the basics of administrative tasks.
- Create a purposeful dialogue to understand their career path.



Job 2: Seeking Support & Respect

ATTRACTION RETENTION Explain the freedom teachers have in Minimize administrative obstacles or independent schools. nonteaching activities that may hinder teachers' ability to teach. · Be up-front about the after-hours commitments and provide opportunities Define boundaries between work and for them to choose a few. personal life. If nonteaching work is required, explain why it is necessary Provide evidence that you keep your and provide ample time for teachers promises. to accomplish it. Clearly define goals and give teachers freedom to design how to achieve them. Provide teachers with a method for reporting complaints across the hierarchy and a way to resolve conflict.



Job 3: Seeking Work-Life Balance

ATTRACTION

- Acknowledge any systemic issues at your school and explain workarounds to deal with them.
- Highlight the support systems available to teachers.
- Listen to applicants and understand why they are leaving their current jobs and what they need.

RETENTION

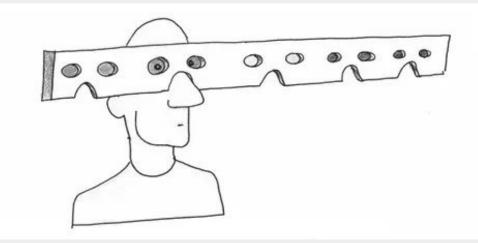
- Create clear work-life boundaries to reduce stress.
- Make sure your benefits offer mental health services.
- Evaluate workload sharing options.
- Set expectations for parent engagement and contact.
- Restructure teachers' workdays to provide more time for administrative tasks.





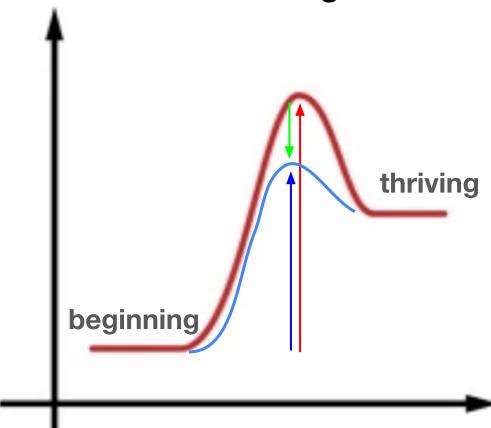


Perspectives & Frameworks





Barriers to retention and thriving?







What early-career teachers say...

CHALLENGES

6



- classroom management
- figuring out LMS-both the technical and cultural usage...

THRIVE FACTORS

- experienced people available day-to-day
- reasonable workload and reduced duties
- learning how to organize my lessons... more student interest, less behavior issues)
- regular exposure to models of high-quality instruction
- my school's strong systems that keep me on track and informed



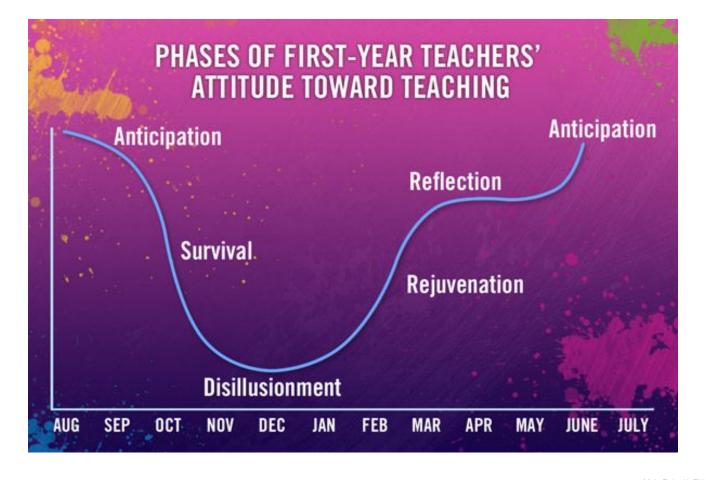






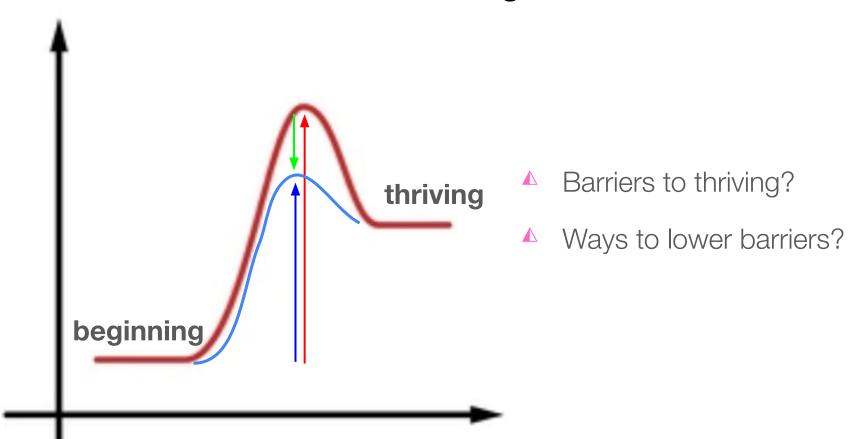
- A supportive community is the most important "system."
- Make it easy to find, consult, and collaborate with peers.
- A Give materials and guidelines to make good decisions; trust them to make decisions well.
- Be clear and consistent in communication.
- Show new teachers how to teach well.
- ▲ Give feedback (both positive and constructive) often...don't wait for the annual evaluation.







Barriers to retention and thriving?















Onboarding & Induction

Mentoring & Support Culture & Systems





△ Onboarding starts *before* you hire.

▲ Early access makes a difference.

Design with "new" in mind.





Program with intention.

△ Consider early-career teachers.

▲ Think outside the box.





△ Clarify and model expectations.

Make teaching a team sport.

Personalize growth pathways.



Reflect: Plus/Delta





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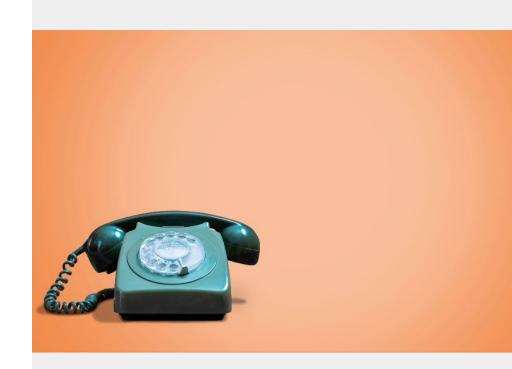
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Strategic Advantages





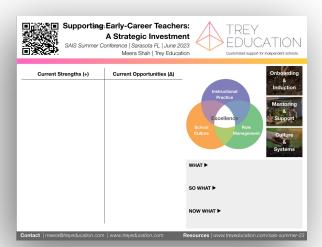
Make these strategic investments to....

- 1. Improve teacher retention.
- 2. Enhance student outcomes.
- 3. Strengthen school culture.
- 4. Increase attractiveness for job seekers.
- 5. Promote innovation and adaptability.
- 6. Progress on **strategic** priorities.
- 7. Enhance **professionalization** of teaching.





Reflect: Synthesize and Plan





▲ WHAT?

One takeaway, insight, or question.

▲ SO WHAT?

One connection to your own work.

▲ NOW WHAT?

One action might you take next.



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