Survey of Teachers’ Attitudes Toward Computers

To the Educator:

This questionnaire is composed of well-validated portions of several attitudinal surveys that have been used with teachers in the past. We will use the combined information to help develop a profile of how teachers view technology. Please complete all items even if you feel that some are redundant. This may require 20-30 minutes of your time. Usually it is best to respond with your first impression, without giving a question much thought. Your answers will remain confidential.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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1. How long have you been teaching?
   _____ 0-1 years   _____ 2-5 years   _____ 6-10 years
   _____ 11-15 years   _____ 15+ years

2. How would you rate your experience with computers? (Check all that apply)
   _____ I have never used a computer and I don’t plan to anytime soon.
   _____ I have never used a computer but I would like to learn.
   _____ I use applications like word processing, spreadsheets, etc.
   _____ I use computers for instruction in the classroom.
     How often?
     _____ Daily
     _____ Weekly
     _____ Occasionally

3. Currently I use the computer approximately ______ hours per week in the classroom.

4. At the beginning of this school year, I used the computer approximately _____ hours per week in the classroom.

5. If you do use computers, what type of training have you received? (Rank order all that apply).
   _____ No training
   _____ Basic Computer Literacy (on/off operations, how to run programs)
   _____ Computer applications (word processing, spreadsheets)
   _____ Computer integration (how to use in classroom curriculum)

6. Where did you receive your training? (Rank order all that apply).
   _____ Self-taught
   _____ School district
   _____ College or university
   _____ Other- please specify

Do you have a computer at home? ___ Yes ___ No
Gender: ___ M ___ F
Age: ___ 18-25 ___ 26-30 ___ 31-35 ___ 36-40 ___ 41-45 ___ 46+
Instructions: Please read each statement and then circle the number which best shows how you feel.

**SD = Strongly Disagree   D = Disagree   A = Agree   SA = Strongly Agree**

*from Computer Attitude Questionnaire, Knezek & Miyashita, 1994*

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Instructions: Mark one space between each adjective pair.

from The Computer Attitude Measure (CAM), Kay, 1993

Computers are:

21. Unlikable _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Likable (41)
22. Unhappy _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Happy (42)
23. Bad _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Good (43)
24. Unpleasant _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Pleasant (44)
25. Tense _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Calm (45)
26. Uncomfortable _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Comfortable (46)
27. Artificial _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Natural (47)
28. Empty _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Full (48)
29. Dull _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Exciting (49)
30. Suffocating _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Fresh (50)

Instructions: Please read each statement and circle the number that best describes how you feel about that statement.

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5 = Strongly Agree (SA)

Computer Attitude Scale, Loyd & Gressard, 1984

31. Computers do not scare me at all. (51) SD D U A SA
32. I'm no good with computers. (52) SD D U A SA
33. I would like working with computers. (53) SD D U A SA
34. I will use computers many ways in my life. (54) SD D U A SA
35. Working with a computer would make me very nervous. (55) SD D U A SA
36. Generally I would feel OK about trying a new problem on the computer. (56) SD D U A SA
37. The challenge of solving problems with computers does not appeal to me. (57) SD D U A SA
38. Learning about computers is a waste of time. (58) SD D U A SA
39. I do not feel threatened when others talk about computers. (59) 1 2 3 4 5
40. I don’t think I would do advanced computer work. (60) 1 2 3 4 5
41. I think working with computers would be enjoyable and stimulating. (61) 1 2 3 4 5
42. Learning about computers is worthwhile. (62) 1 2 3 4 5
43. I feel aggressive and hostile toward computers. (63) 1 2 3 4 5
44. I am sure I could do work with computers. (64) 1 2 3 4 5
45. Figuring out computer problems does not appeal to me. (65) 1 2 3 4 5
46. I’lI need a firm mastery of computers for my future work. (66) 1 2 3 4 5
47. It wouldn’t bother me at all to take computer courses. (67) 1 2 3 4 5
48. I’m not the type to do well with computers. (68) 1 2 3 4 5
49. When there is a problem with a computer run that I can’t immediately solve, I would stick with it until I have the answer. (69) 1 2 3 4 5
50. I expect to have little use for computers in my daily life. (70) 1 2 3 4 5
51. Computers make me feel uncomfortable. (71) 1 2 3 4 5
52. I am sure I could learn a computer language. (72) 1 2 3 4 5
53. I don’t understand how some people can spend so much time working with computers and seem to enjoy it. (73) 1 2 3 4 5
54. I can’t think of any way that I will use computers in my career. (74) 1 2 3 4 5
55. I would feel at ease in a computer class. (75) 1 2 3 4 5
56. I think using a computer would be very hard for me. (76) 1 2 3 4 5
57. Once I start to work with the computer, I would find it hard to stop. (77) 1 2 3 4 5
58. Knowing how to work with computers will increase my job possibilities. (78) 1 2 3 4 5
59. I get a sinking feeling when I think of trying to use a computer. (79) 1 2 3 4 5
60. I could get good grades in computer courses. (80) 1 2 3 4 5
61. I will do as little work with computers as possible. (81) 1 2 3 4 5
62. Anything that a computer can be used for, I can do just as well some other way. (82) 1 2 3 4 5
63. I would feel comfortable working with a computer. (83) 1 2 3 4 5
64. I do not think I could handle a computer course. (84) 1 2 3 4 5
65. If a problem is left unsolved in a computer class, I would continue to think about it afterward. (85) 1 2 3 4 5
66. It is important to me to do well in computer classes. (86) 1 2 3 4 5
67. Computers make me feel uneasy and confused. (87) 1 2 3 4 5
68. I have a lot of self-confidence when it comes to working with computers. (88) 1 2 3 4 5
69. I do not enjoy talking with others about computers. (89) 1 2 3 4 5
70. Working with computers will not be important to me in my life’s work. (90) 1 2 3 4 5

from Pelgrum & Plomp, 1989
71. Computers can help me to learn things more easily. (91) 1 2 3 4 5
72. With computers it is possible to do practical things. (92) 1 2 3 4 5
73. Knowing how to use computers will help me do well in my career. (93) 1 2 3 4 5
74. Knowing how to use computers is a worthwhile skill. (94) 1 2 3 4 5
75. All students should have an opportunity learn about computers at school. (95) 1 2 3 4 5
76. It is important for students to learn about computers in order to be informed citizens. (96) 1 2 3 4 5
77. Having computer skills helps you get better jobs. (97) 1 2 3 4 5
78. I like to talk to others about computers. (98) 1 2 3 4 5
79. Computers can be exciting. (99) 1 2 3 4 5
80. I like reading about computers. (100) 1 2 3 4 5
81. A job using computers would be very interesting. (101) 1 2 3 4 5
82. Computer lessons are a favorite subject for me. (102) 1 2 3 4 5
83. I want to learn a lot about computers. (103) 1 2 3 4 5
84. I like to scan computer journals. (104) 1 2 3 4 5
85. When I pass a computer shop, usually I stop for a while. (105) 1 2 3 4 5
86. Computers interest me little. (106) 1 2 3 4 5
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Measurement of Computer Attitudes, Comparison by Gardner, Discenza & Dukes, 1993

from BELCAT (Blomberg, Erickson, Lowery Computer Attitude Task), Erickson, 1987

87. Knowing about computers will help me earn a living. (109) 1 2 3 4 5
88. I get a sinking feeling when I think of trying to do something hard with a computer. (110) 1 2 3 4 5
89. A computer test would scare me. (112) 1 2 3 4 5
90. I’ll need computers for my future work. (113) 1 2 3 4 5
91. I’m really going to need computer skills after I finish school. (115) 1 2 3 4 5
92. I’d be proud to be the outstanding student in a computer class. (116) 1 2 3 4 5
93. I’d like people to think I was smart with computers. (121) 1 2 3 4 5
94. I see the computer as something I will rarely use in my daily life as an adult. (123) 1 2 3 4 5
95. It would make me happy if people thought I was really good with computers. (128) 1 2 3 4 5
96. I don’t like people to think I’m smart with computers. (129) 1 2 3 4 5

from ATC (Attitudes Toward Computers), Raub, 1981

97. Computers have the potential to control our lives. (134) 1 2 3 4 5
98. Our country relies too much on computers. (135) 1 2 3 4 5
99. I will use a computer in my future occupation. (137) 1 2 3 4 5
100. Computers dehumanize society by treating everyone as a number. (138) 1 2 3 4 5
101. Computers will create more jobs than they eliminate (140) 1 2 3 4 5
102. I feel apprehensive about using a computer terminal. (141) 1 2 3 4 5
103. Computers are changing the world too rapidly. (142) 1 2 3 4 5
104 Computers isolate people by inhibiting normal social interactions among users. (144) 1 2 3 4 5
105. I hesitate to use a computer for fear of making mistakes I cannot correct. (145) 1 2 3 4 5
106. Having a computer available to me would improve my productivity. (146) 1 2 3 4 5
107. If I had to use a computer for some reason, it would probably save me some time and work. (147) 1 2 3 4 5
108. If I used a computer, I could get a better picture of the facts and figures. (148) 1 2 3 4 5
109. Having a computer available to me would improve my general satisfaction. (149) 1 2 3 4 5
110. If I had a computer at my disposal, I would try to get rid of it. (150) 1 2 3 4 5
111. Computers are probably going to be an important part of my life. (151) 1 2 3 4 5
112. I sometimes get nervous just thinking about computers. (153) 1 2 3 4 5
113. I will probably never learn to use a computer. (154) 1 2 3 4 5
114. I sometimes feel intimidated when I have to use a computer. (157) 1 2 3 4 5

Comparison of Four Computer Attitude Scales, Woodrow, 1991

115. Computers will improve education. (162) 1 2 3 4 5
116. If there was a computer in my classroom it would help me to be a better teacher. (163) 1 2 3 4
117. Someday I will have a computer in my home. (164) 1 2 3 4 5
118. Computers can teach mathematics. (165) 1 2 3 4 5
119. Computers are beyond the understanding of the typical person. (166) 1 2 3 4 5
120. Computers could enhance remedial instruction. (168) 1 2 3 4 5
121. Computers will relieve teachers of routine duties. (169) 1 2 3 4 5
122. Computers can be used successfully with courses which demand creative activities. (170) 1 2 3 4 5

from The Computer Survey Scale, Stevens, 1982

123. High school students should understand the role computers play in society. (172) 1 2 3 4 5
124. High school students should have some understanding about computers. (173) 1 2 3 4 5
125. Computers can be a useful instructional aid in almost all subject areas. (175) 1 2 3 4 5
126. Use of computers in education almost always reduces the personal treatment of students.  
127. I feel at ease when I am around computers.  
128. Teacher training should include instructional applications of computers. 

*from Attitude Toward Computer Scale, Francis, 1993*

129. Learning about computers is boring to me.  
130. I like learning on a computer.  
131. Working with a computer would make me very nervous.  
132. The challenge of solving problems with computers does not appeal to me.  
133. I think working with computers would be enjoyable and stimulating. 
134. Learning about computers is interesting.  
135. Computers are boring.  
136. Computers are not exciting.  
137. Studying about computers is a waste of time.  
138. It is fun to figure out how computers work.  
139. I enjoy learning how computers are used in our daily lives. 

*from CAM (Computer Attitude Measure), Kay, 1993*

140. Computers would motivate students.  
141. Computers would significantly improve the overall quality of my students’ education.  
142. Computers would help students improve their writing.  
143. Computers would stimulate creativity in students.  
144. Computers would help students work with one another.  
145. Computers would help me organize my work.
146. Computers would increase my productivity.  
147. Computers would save me time.  
148. Computers would help me learn.  
149. Computers would help me organize my finances.  
150. Computers improve the overall quality of life.  

from CARS, Chu & Spires, 1991

151. I look forward to using a computer on my job.  
152. The challenge of learning about computers is exciting.  
153. Learning to operate computers is like learning any new skill - the more you practice, the better you become.  
154. I am afraid that if I begin to use computers I will become dependent upon them and lose some of my reasoning skills.  
155. I am sure that with time and practice I will be as comfortable working with computers as I am working with a typewriter.  
156. I dislike working with machines that are smarter than I am.  
157. I feel apprehensive about using computers.  
158. If given the opportunity, I would like to learn about and use computers.  
159. I have avoided computers because they are unfamiliar and somewhat intimidating to me.  
160. I feel computers are necessary tools in both educational and work settings.  

from CASS, Jones & Clarke, 1994

161. Computers intimidate and threaten me.  
162. Working with a computer makes me feel tense and uncomfortable.  
163. Computers are difficult to understand.  
164. I feel important when others ask me for information about computers.  
165. Using the computer has increased my interaction with other students.
166. Anything that a computer can be used for, I can do just as well in another way. (239) 1 2 3 4 5

167. Working with computers makes me feel isolated from other people. (241) 1 2 3 4 5

168. Working with computers will not be important to me in my career. (242) 1 2 3 4 5

169. I would like to spend more time using a computer. (243) 1 2 3 4 5

170. If I can, I will take subjects that will teach me to use computers. (246) 1 2 3 4 5

171. People who work with computers sit in front of a computer screen all day. (248) 1 2 3 4 5

172. I would like to learn more about computers. (249) 1 2 3 4 5

173. Working with computers means working on your own, without contact with others. (251) 1 2 3 4 5

174. If I need computer skills for my career choice, I will develop them (252) 1 2 3 4 5

175. Working with a computer makes me feel very nervous. (256) 1 2 3 4 5

176. Using a computer prevents me from being creative. (257) 1 2 3 4 5

177. Computers are confusing. (259) 1 2 3 4 5

178. Computers make me feel uncomfortable. (260) 1 2 3 4 5

179. You have to be a “brain” to work with computers. (261) 1 2 3 4 5

180. Not many people can use computers. (262) 1 2 3 4 5

181. I get a sinking feeling when I think of trying to use a computer. (263) 1 2 3 4 5

182. Computers frustrate me. (264) 1 2 3 4 5

from Attitudes Toward Computers Scale, Reece & Gable, 1982

183. I will use a computer as soon as possible. (266) 1 2 3 4 5

184. I will take computer courses. (267) 1 2 3 4 5

185. Computers can be used to save lives. (268) 1 2 3 4 5

186. I enjoy computer work. (270) 1 2 3 4 5

187. I would never take a job where I had to work with computers. (272) 1 2 3 4 5
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from D’Souza, 1992

188. Electronic mail (E-mail) is an effective means of disseminating class information and assignments. (274) 1 2 3 4 5

189. I prefer E-mail to traditional class handouts as an information disseminator. (275) 1 2 3 4 5

190. More courses should use E-mail to disseminate class information and assignments. (276) 1 2 3 4 5

191. E-mail provides better access to the instructor. (277) 1 2 3 4 5

192. The use of E-mail creates more interaction between students enrolled in the course. (278) 1 2 3 4 5

193. The use of E-mail creates more interaction between student and instructor. (279) 1 2 3 4 5

194. The use of E-mail increases motivation for the course. (280) 1 2 3 4 5

195. The use of E-mail makes the course more interesting. (281) 1 2 3 4 5

196. The use of E-mail makes the student feel more involved. (282) 1 2 3 4 5

197. The use of E-mail helps the student to learn more. (283) 1 2 3 4 5

198. The use of E-mail helps provide a better learning experience. (284) 1 2 3 4 5

(End)

Thank you!

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