

Other tasks involving this bus schedule are found in Level 3. These tasks require the reader to match on fewer features of information and do not involve the use of conditional information.

Document Level 5

Scale range: 376 to 500

Tasks in this level require the reader to search through complex displays that contain multiple distractors, to make high-level text-based inferences, and to use specialized knowledge.

Average difficulty value of tasks in this level: 391

Percentage of adults performing in this level: 3%

A task receiving a difficulty value of 396 involves reading and understanding a table depicting the results from a survey of parents and teachers evaluating parental involvement in their school. Respondents were asked to write a brief paragraph summarizing the results. This particular task requires readers to integrate the information in the table to compare and contrast the viewpoints of parents and teachers on a selected number of school issues.



Using the information in the table, write a brief paragraph summarizing the extent to which parents and teachers agreed or disagreed on the statements about issues pertaining to parental involvement at their school.

Parents and Teachers Evaluate Parental Involvement at Their School

Do you agree or disagree that . . . ?

	Total	Level of School		
		Elementary	Junior High	High School

percent agreeing

Our school does a good job of encouraging parental involvement in sports, arts, and other nonsubject areas

Parents	77	76	74	79
Teachers	77	73	77	85

Our school does a good job of encouraging parental involvement in educational areas

Parents	73	82	71	64
Teachers	80	84	78	70

Our school only contacts parents when there is a problem with their child

Parents	55	46	62	63
Teachers	23	18	22	33

Our school does not give parents the opportunity for any meaningful roles

Parents	22	18	22	28
Teachers	8	8	12	7

Source: The Metropolitan Life Survey of the American Teacher, 1987

