# WAYS TO ADDRESS SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SHORTAGE



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#### WELCOME

- Today's Sessions
  - Research findings
  - Suggestions
  - Austin ISD
  - Recommendations

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# MANAGING SUBSTITUTE TEACHING MAY 2013 SURVEY

Not hiring Substitute Teachers as of May 15

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
13%	42%	62%	60%	63%

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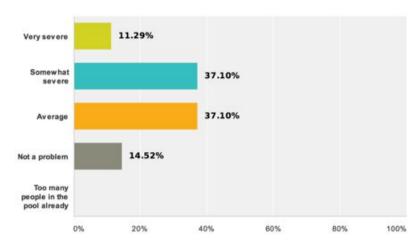
What is the best ratio of Subs/Permanent Teachers?

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1/~5 (18-22%)	1/~4 (25%)	1/3 (33%)	1/3.5 (29%)	1/4.4 (23)%

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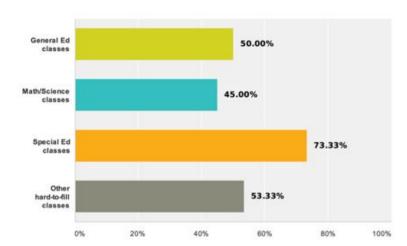
# SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SHORTAGE NOVEMBER 2013 SURVEY

How severe is your current shortage of substitute teachers?



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What types of classes are going uncovered? (check all that apply)



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- Problems facing districts:
  - Limiting hours of substitute teachers due to ACA
  - More professional development
  - Don't want to work
  - Cost of fingerprinting
  - Increasing teacher absences
  - Subs canceling the morning of

- Strategies to increase fill-rates:
  - Your Current Statistics
  - Your Current Subs
  - Your Application Process
  - Your Advertising/Promoting
  - Your Requirements/Pay





#### SUBSHORTAGE DISCUSSION WEBINAR

- Your Current Statistics:
  - Understand the statistics from your automated system
  - Fill rates by school, position, best/worst
  - Subs to permanent teacher ratio
  - Share with your administrators

- Understand your current substitute teachers
  - Remember, these are your paid volunteers
  - Communicating with subs newsletters, touching base periodically
  - Increase frequency I day/week to 2 days/week
  - Offer low/no cost incentives
    - Free tickets to school events
    - Free lunch
    - Discounts to local businesses
    - SubSandwich
  - Survey your substitute teachers

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- Application Process
  - Improving the application process mailing out/online applications, etc
  - Process subs faster
  - Hired all year and more frequent orientations
  - Offer open houses for substitutes at hard-to-fill schools
  - Contacting student's parents
  - Principal recommendations

- Certified Teachers
  - Retired teachers
  - Offering degreed candidates help to secure a teaching license with first refusal for a vacant position
  - Asking regular teaching applicants to sub

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- Advertising/Promoting
  - Working with local colleges/universities
  - Student teachers as substitutes
  - Advertising
    - Social media
    - PSA

- Reducing requirements:
  - Bachelor's degree instead of all teacher license
- Increasing Pay
- Differentiated pay for hard-to-fill
- Outsourcing
- TRAINING
  - More substitute training

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## **AUSTIN ISD**

Presentation at TASPA - December, 2013

- STEDI.org's Recommendation
  - SubCommittee to address these issues
  - College-level training for non-certified substitute teachers
  - Don't be afraid to set high expectation (the Few, the Proud, the Marines)

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- Training Courses:
  - SubSkills Initial Training
  - Live-handbook training
  - ParaEducator
  - Special Education

- Strategies to reduce demand:
  - Reduce release time
  - Address professional development
    - Limit number of subs available for professional dev.
    - Coordinating calendar
    - Make a deal with prof. dev. to help train subs

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- Training of Administrators
  - SubFriendly STEDI.org/SubReady
  - Buildings compete for subs
- SubRecognition
  - Appreciation birthday cards, sub of the year etc
  - Communicate with the school contact person



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