

Student Survey 2017 Grade 9 - 12 students

Thank you for completing this survey.

Student voice is important to us. The York Region District School Board is inviting all students in Grades 5 to 12 to tell us about their experiences at school. Your feedback will help further our vision as we work together to listen to student voices and inspire learning.

The information you provide is anonymous and confidential so no one will know your individual responses to the questions. **Please do not write your name on this survey.**

This survey is voluntary and you may skip a question if it makes you feel uncomfortable or if you don't know the answer. You can also ask an adult for help if you do not understand a question. Please answer the questions honestly, as your feedback will help support student achievement and well-being.

When responding to the questions please think about your experiences at **this school during this school year**.

This survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

1.	The name of	f your school	:				
2.	What grade	are you in?	☐ Grade 9	☐ Grade 10	☐ Grade 11	☐ Grade 12	
3.	Are you?	□ Male □ Prefer no	☐ Female ot to be identific	☐ Gender Dived by gender		nder	
4.	Are you curi	rently receivin	ng support at	school for Englis	h as a Second I	_anguage (ESL)?	
	☐ Yes	□ No					
5.	(If you don't ☐ Yes b. If you ans	know the ansv ☐ No (If no,	ver to this ques skip part b.) lease choose	Plan (IEP) to supstion, please ask you	our teacher for h		
	Deaf	viour and Low Vision and Hard of H	learing	☐ Developmenta☐ Gifted☐ Language Imp☐ Learning Disab	airment	☐ Mild Intellectual Dis☐ Physical Disability☐ Multiple Exceptiona	
. Scl	nool Environ	ment_					
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6. Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	I enjoy being at this school.					
b.	This school building is clean and well maintained to provide a good environment for learning.					
C.	I feel supported by staff when I ask for help with my learning.					
d.	I feel safe at this school.					
e.	I feel safe on the way to and from school.					
f.	This school has clear expectations for student behaviour.					
g.	At this school, there is a welcoming environment.					
h.	I feel included when working with others in my classes.					
i.	Overall, I think this is a good school.					

B. Learning at School

7. Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	Doing well at school is important to me.					
b.	Staff at this school encourage me to be a responsible citizen.					
C.	At this school, I am participating in activities/campaigns that help protect the environment.					
d.	At this school, I am learning about environmental topics in the classroom.					
e.	My schoolwork is presented in a variety of ways to meet my needs (e.g., group discussions, working on my own, learning online and face to face, connecting with experts through videoconferencing).					
f.	I find my schoolwork interesting.					
g.	My schoolwork requires me to investigate real life issues.					
h.	I am encouraged to take risks in my learning.					
i.	I am learning about how to become a good digital citizen (e.g., appropriate use of social media, cyber bullying awareness).					
j.	I have access to a choice of learning spaces (e.g., quiet spaces, collaborative learning spaces, access to technology).					
k.	There is someone outside of school I can talk to about my schoolwork.					
I.	I use technology, including the internet, to help me learn outside of school.					
m.	What I learn at school is relevant in my everyday life.					

8. At this school, I have opportunities to:

	8. At this school, I have opportunities to:					
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	Use feedback to improve my work.					
b.	Set goals for my learning and follow through on those goals.					
C.	Think about how I learn.					
d.	Assess my own learning.					
e.	Give and receive feedback on my schoolwork from my peers.					
f.	Show what I have learned in a variety of ways.					
g.	Learn from my mistakes.					
h.	Share my thoughts about how I learn best.					
i.	Share my opinion about school priorities and programs.					
j.	Use technology to communicate and collaborate about my school work with others beyond school.					
k.	Use digital technology (e.g., online tools, computers, tablets) to help me learn.					
I.	Develop real world solutions to real world problems.					
m.	Learn about mental health.					
n.	Learn about social justice (e.g., understanding racism, sexism, disabilities, etc.).					

	9.	9. At school, are you encouraged to use personal technology for learning?								
		□ Yes	□ No	☐ Not Sure	Ţ.	⊒ I don't h	ave person	al technolo	ogy	
	10.	. How do you feel al	oout math?							
					Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	
a.	Hik	e math.								
b.	l ar	n a confident problen	n solver in ma	th class.						
C.	l ar	n able to answer cha	llenging math	questions.						
d.	The	e math I learn in class	is useful for	everyday life.						
e.		onnect new math cond out math or other sub		I already know						
f.		now my strengths as a		r.						
g.	Eve	en if I feel the math is	hard, I can le	arn it.						
h.	l kn	now the areas I need	help in as a m	ath learner.						
i.	l kn ma	now how to ask for he th.	lp when I'm h	aving trouble in						
j.	The	ere are lots of ways to	solve most n	nath problems.						
k.	Ма	king mistakes is help	ful in learning	mathematics.						
I.	Las	sk questions to help n	nake sense of	mathematics.						
m.	He	arn from other studer	nts in math cla	SS.						
n.		en working on proble if my answer makes		ass, I check to						
0.		arning math helps to o	change my ide	eas about how the						

C. Mental Health and Well-Being

11. Please think about your overall mental health and well-being this school year when responding to the following statements:

	responding to the following statements:			_		1
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	When I have a problem with how I am doing at school, I can come up with ways to solve it.					
b.	I don't get too upset and I bounce back quickly when I get a grade or feedback that I don't like.				۵	
C.	In general, I like the way I am.					
d.	When I am not doing well at school, I keep working and I try harder.				٥	
e.	I feel like I am important to other people.					
f.	I feel proud of myself.					
g.	I feel like I matter to people at school.					
h.	I feel like I matter to people at home or in the community.					
i.	At home there is an adult who listens to me when I have a concern.					
j.	I feel like people won't value me if I don't do well at school.					
k.	I feel that family and friends support me in making choices about my life.					
I.	I feel like I have to be perfect in my schoolwork.					
m.	I feel like I have to be perfect in the way I look.					
n.	I would consider myself to be a weak person if I had to get help because of how I am feeling.					
0.	When I am feeling sad, I am good at cheering myself up.					
p.	I am happy with my life.					
q.	People at my school care about my well-being.					
r.	At school there is an adult who listens to me when I have something to say.					
S.	At my school, there is at least one caring adult who supports me.					
t.	The spaces at this school are designed with my needs in mind (e.g., places to work with others, quiet zones, prayer, active movement, etc.).					

12. In general, during this school year, how often did you feel:

	•	All the Time	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a.	Like you are pushed to do too much.					
b.	Like you are running out of time so that you would not be able to do anything fun.					
C.	Hopeful about the future.					
d.	Нарру					
e.	Lonely					
f.	Angry					
g.	Sad or depressed					
h.	Nervous or anxious					

13. a. Do you ever feel nervous or anxious <u>at school</u> ?	⊔ Yes	⊔ No	0	
If you answered <u>No</u> , please skip part b.				
 b. If you feel nervous or anxious at school, do you thin following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.) Performing or speaking out loud in front of others Completing a test Spending time in groups with other students Sharing my ideas out loud when working in groups Another reason (please specify): 	;		of any of the	
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
14. a. Do you usually hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness?				
If you answered <u>Never</u> , please skip part b.				
b. If you hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness, do following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	you think	it is beca	use of any of t	he
 I'm worried I will be judged for feeling that way I feel people will think I'm just looking for attention I feel it is a sign of weakness I am embarrassed I feel I am expected to always be strong I'm worried it will change how people feel about me Another reason (please explain): 				
15. If you were concerned about your mental health who we (Please choose all that are true for you.) School staff Friends My parent(s)/guardian(s) A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counsel Internet/chat room No one Other person (please specify the relationship to you	or, social w			
16. Where do you get information about mental health? (Please choose all that are true for you.) School staff Friends Internet Media My parent(s)/guardian(s) A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counsel Other (please specify):				
 17. If you had a concern about your mental health and did to they helped you? Yes No I did not talk to an adult at school about it 	alk to an a	<u>idult</u> at so	chool, did you	feel

	18. If you had a concern about your mental health an because of any of the following? (Please choose a large of preferred to handle the problem myself large of larg	a <u>ll</u> that are	talk to an true for yo	adult at so	chool, is it	
<u>D. I</u>	Healthy Schools					
	19. Please think about your experiences this school statements:	year wher	ı respond	ing to the	following	
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sur
	At this school, there is information about making healthy lifestyle choices (e.g., information on smoking, healthy eating, alcohol and drug abuse, stress management).					
b.	I usually participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day (before, during, and after school).					
C.	I have opportunities to be physically active at school every day (e.g., physical education class, active breaks, intramurals, daily physical activity, etc.).					
<u>E.</u>	Equity and Inclusive Education					
	20. My school is supportive of my faith accommodat etc.).	ions (e.g.,	changes t	o my music	c, gym clas	ss,
	☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree	☐ Stron	gly Disagr	ee 🛭 No	ot Applicab	le
	21. a. My social identities are talked about and seen exceptionality, etc.).	in my sch	ool (e.g., l	anguage, c	ulture,	
	☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree	☐ Stron	gly Disagr	ee 🗆 No	ot Sure	
	b. I see the following social identities reflected a for you.) My gender My racial background My culture My Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation My first language, dialect or accent My religion or faith The way I look (e.g., weight, body shape, cless My sexual orientation My gender identity My special education needs (e.g., learning of My physical disability Another social identity (please explain):	on, Métis, I othes, etc.	nuit, etc.)			

a. The classroom b. Extracurricular activities c. Guest speakers d. Self directed learning e. Other 23. a. In this school year, have you experienced discrimination in your school/class (e.g., treated negatively because of your gender, racial background, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic background, special education needs, sexual orientation or other factors)? ☐ No ☐ Yes If you answered No, please go to Question 25. b. If you have experienced discrimination at school, do you think it is because of any of the **following:** (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.) ■ Your gender ☐ Your racial background ☐ Your culture ☐ Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) ☐ Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith ☐ The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.) ☐ Your sexual orientation Your gender identity ☐ Your family structure ☐ Your family's level of income ☐ Your grades or marks ☐ Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.) Your physical disability ■ Another reason (please explain): 24. a. In this school year, have you talked to an adult at school about discrimination that you experienced in your school or class? ☐ Yes (If you answered Yes, please skip part d.) □ No (If you answered No, please skip part b and c.) b. How satisfied are you with the way your school responded to your report of discrimination? □ Very Satisfied ■ Satisfied ☐ Unsatisfied ☐ Very unsatisfied ■ Not sure c. If you were not satisfied with the response, did you feel it was because of any of the **following?** (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.) ☐ The process of reporting was confusing/unclear ☐ I felt I wasn't heard/listened to ☐ There was little/no follow up ■ Another reason (please explain):

Often

Always

Sometimes

Never

22. At school, I see, hear, or learn about my social identities in:

	d. If you experienced discrimination and did not talk t any of the following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for		ıt school,	is it because	of
	☐ I preferred to handle the problem myself ☐ I didn't think they would be able to help ☐ I didn't know who to approach at school ☐ I was worried that other people would find out ☐ Other (please specify):				
25.	a. Do you feel welcome at your school?	Always □	Often	Sometimes	Never
	If you answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b).				
	 ☐ Your gender ☐ Your racial background ☐ Your culture ☐ Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Not on the Proof of the Proof of	es, etc.)		ur, giftedness, €	etc.)
	Triother reason (piease explain).	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
26.	a. Do you feel welcome in school activities, teams, or clubs?				
	If you answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b).				
	b. If you do not feel welcome, or that you do not belowed you think it is because of any of the following: (Pleau Your gender Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Nati	ase choose Métis, Inuit, e	<u>all</u> that ar	e true for you.)	

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Never				
27.	a. Do you feel there are barriers that stand in the way of your learning at school?								
	If you answered <u>Never</u> , please skip part b).								
	b. If you feel there are barriers, do you think it is because of any of the following? (Please choose all that are true for you.) Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.) Your sexual orientation Your gender identity Your family structure Your family's level of income Your grades or marks Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.) Your physical disability Another reason (please explain):								
		Always	Often	Sometimes	Never				
28.	a. Do you feel that school rules are applied to you in a fair way?								
	If you answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b.								
	b. If you feel the rules have not been applied fairly, do you think it is because of any of the following? (Please choose all that are true for you.) Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.) Your sexual orientation Your gender identity Your family structure Your family's level of income Your grades or marks Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.) Your physical disability Another reason (please explain):								

F. Caring and Safe Schools

Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
29.	I am satisfied with the steps this school has taken to prevent bullying among students.					
30.	I am satisfied with the steps this school takes to deal with incidents of bullying among students.					
24	If you was builted as agus agus agus bairns builte	الماريميين الماريميين		4 .	Yes	No
31.	If you were bullied or saw someone being bullied report it at your school?	iow to				
32.	Are you aware of the anonymous reporting butto school and Board websites?	on the				
33.	Do you feel unsafe in any of the following places (Please choose all that are true for you.) In the classroom In the hallways In the school entrances and exits In the stairwells/under the stairs In the library In the computer rooms/labs In the gym In the change rooms or locker rooms In washrooms On school buses Outside on school grounds In the lunchroom or eating area/cafeteria In the portables Other places (please explain where):	?				
34.	This year, have you stayed away, or wanted to s school in order to avoid being bullied?	tay away fi		Yes No		
35.	This year, have you been bullied by other studen school?	ts at this				

If you answered No for Question 35, please go to Q41.

36. How many times have you been bullied by a months?	nother student(s) <u>at school over the last two</u>
 □ Not at all □ 1-2 times □ 3-5 times □ 6-10 times □ More than 10 times 	
37. In which of the following ways have you bee year? (Please choose all that are true for you.)	n bullied at your current school this school
☐ Physically (e.g., someone has pushed, tripped, or hit you; taken or broken your belongings on purpose)	☐ Verbally (e.g., someone has called you names, teased, or made fun of you; said mean things to you; embarrassed or threatened you)
☐ Electronically (e.g., someone has used social media tools (Instagram, Snapchat) to send messages or pictures in order to threaten you, hurt your feelings, embarrass you, make you look bad, or tell secrets about you)	□ Socially (e.g., someone has left you out of their group, refused to play or work with you, got other students not to talk to you or not to like you)
38. If you have been bullied, do you think it is be that are true for you.)	ecause of any of the following? (Please choose <u>all</u>
 Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nath Properties) Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shaped or sexual orientation Your sexual orientation Your gender identity Your family structure Your family's level of income Your grades or marks Your special education needs (e.g., learning or physical disability Another reason (please explain): 	e, clothes, etc.) ng disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.)
39. Think of the last time <u>you were</u> bullied. What you.)	t did you do? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for
☐ I ignored it. ☐ I told my parent(s) or guardian(s) about it. ☐ I told an adult at school about it. ☐ I told an adult outside of school about it. ☐ I told another student about it. ☐ I called a helpline or online live chat counse ☐ I used the Report IT button on the school of ☐ I fought back. ☐ Other (please explain):	

					Yes	No	I did not report it
40.	l. If you reported being bullied, did you feel an adult at your school listened to you and helped you?						
			Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
41.		re is an adult at this school with whom I Ild feel comfortable speaking if I am bullied.					
42.	wou	re is an adult at this school with whom I Ild feel comfortable speaking if I know of leone else being bullied.					
43.		often do you think staff at your school (e.g.,) do the following:	teachers,	lunchroc	om supervi	sors, offic	e
			Always	Often S	Sometimes	Never	Not
	no	tice bullying?					Sure
		to stop bullying?	ā	ā	ā	ā	ā
	ign	nore bullying?					
	list	en to both sides of the story?					
4-5		1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 more than 21 Don't know					
45.		se indicate where you've seen yourself most alcohol use:	often this	school y	ear with re	spect to d	lrug
		Not using (e.g., not using drugs or alcohol)					
		Trying it out (e.g., trying drugs or alcohol becayou may never use again)	ause you a	re curious	, feeling pre	essure to fi	t in,
		Using sometimes (e.g., using sometimes: with	h friends, a	fter schoo	ol/work, on t	he weeken	ıd)
		Problem use (e.g., using substances regularly to use, using more to get the same effect, start					urge
		Dependent (e.g., using regularly and often, fee or anxious, feeling physically ill when you are raround using)					

G. Pathways & Transitions (Grade 12 only)

46	. Do	es your Individual F	Pathways Pla	an (IPP) for a	after high scho	ol include:			
						Yes	No	Not Sure	In Progress
	a.	Your initial postsect training, college, colworkplace)?							
	b.	Your postsecondary activities, hobbies)?	goals (e.g.,	part-time woı	rk, volunteer				
	C.	Strategies to achiev goals (e.g., financing			tinations and				
		hich web-based tool lease choose <u>all</u> that Career Cruisin myBlueprint Other (please	are true for yeg g explain):	ou.)	t of my planning				,
48		ow often have you us		Cruising, my	Blueprint, or o	ther web b	ased t	ools for	
	рο	stsecondary planni	Once a week	Once a month	Once every few months	Twice a year	Onc	ce a year	Never
	a.	In school							
	b.	Outside of school							

H. About Me

We want to know more about you. The answers you provide will be used to help us serve you and other students better. Please answer the following questions but feel free to skip a question if you feel uncomfortable answering.

49.	a. Were you born in Canada? □ Yes (If yes, please skip part b.) □ No						
b. <u>If you were <i>not</i> born in Canada</u> , how long have you lived in Canada?							
	□ Less than 1 year□ 1 year□ 2 years□ 3 years	4 years5 years6 years7 years	□ 8 years□ 9 or more years				
50.	Do you identify yourse (You do <u>not</u> have to be b		☐ Yes ☐ No k of yourself as Canadian.)				
51.	Which of the following apply to you.)	best describes your	racial/ethnic background? (Please choose <u>al</u>	<u> </u> tha			
FO	 □ Asian - East (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Mongolian, etc.) □ Asian - South (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Tamil, Caribbean, etc.) □ Asian - Southeast (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Indonesian, Malaysian, etc.) □ Black - (e.g., South African, Nigerian, Ghanaian, Caribbean, Moroccan, etc.) □ Indigenous (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) □ Latino or Hispanic (e.g., Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian, Mexican, Salvadorian, etc.) □ Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Armenian, Afghan, Iraqi, Lebanese, etc.) □ White (e.g., British, Italian, German, Russian, French, etc.) □ Please write your racial/ethnic background if you do not see yourself reflected above: 						
52.	What is your cultural or	r religious backgroui	Ind? (You may write more than one.)				
53.	If you are of Indigenous	s ancestry, please ch	hoose all that apply to you:				
	☐ First Nation ☐ ☐ Another Indigenous a	Métis ☐ Inuit ncestry:					
54.	What is your sexual ori Asexual Bisexual Gay Heterosexual/Straight Intersex Lesbian Queer Questioning Two-Spirit Don't Know I prefer not to say Please write your sexual		do not see yourself reflected				

55. I	55. Have you ever considered yourself to be homeless? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
56. I	56. Have you considered yourself to be homeless in the last twelve months? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
57. <i>i</i>	57. About how many hours a week (including weekends) do you spend on:								
		0 hours/Not	1-10 hours	11-20 hours	21-30 hours	More than			
a.	Homework and study (outside of school time	•				30 hours ☐			
b.	Part-time work for pa	,							
58. Do you have access to the internet at home? ☐ Yes ☐ No									
59. What were most of your marks on your last report card?									
	80% or over □ 70)–79% □ 60–69	% □ 50–59	9% □ Belo	w 50%				

Thank you for completing this survey.