

# 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.

	2.	What grade	are you in?	☐ Grade 9	☐ Gra	de 10	☐ Grade 1	1 □ Gra	ade 12		
	3.	Are you?	☐ Male ☐ Prefer no	☐ Female t to be identified		nder Divers er		gender			
	4.	Are you cu	rrently receivin	g support at so	chool for	English a	s a Secon	d Languaç	ge (ESL)?		
		☐ Yes	□ No								
	5.		a <b>ve an <i>Individi</i> t</b> know the answ								
		☐ Yes	□ No (If no, s	skip part b.)							
	b. If you answered Yes, please choose the reason(s) that apply to you from the following list: (Please choose all that apply to you.)										
	□ Autism □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □				⊒ Gifted ⊒ Langua ⊒ Learnin	nguage Impairment					
<u>A</u>	. Scł	nool Enviro	nment								
	6.	Please thin statements	k about your e	xperiences this	s school	year when	respondi	ng to the f	ollowing		
						Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	
a.	Len	joy being at tl	nis school.			J			Ŏ		
	This	school build	ing is clean and nvironment for le		I to						
c.			y staff when I a		my						

1. The name of your school: \_\_\_\_\_

learning.

d. I feel safe at this school.

e. I feel safe on the way to and from school.

Overall, I think this is a good school.

This school has clear expectations for student behaviour.

At this school, there is a welcoming environment.

h. I feel included when working with others in my classes.

#### **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.			٥		
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.			٥		
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).	0				
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.					
l.	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:

	6. 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.					
l.	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.	. 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 at	oout math?						
					Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	l lik	te math.							
b.	l ar	n a confident problem	n solver in ma	th class.					
C.	l ar	n able to answer chal	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 subj		I already know					
f.	l kn	now my strengths as a	a math learne	r.					
g.	Eve	en if I feel the math is	hard, I can le	arn it.					
		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 helpt	ful in learning	mathematics.					
Ι.	Las	sk questions to help n	nake sense of	mathematics.					
m.	He	arn from other studer	its 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:					
		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.					
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.).					
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12. In general, during this school year, how often did you feel:

	12. In general, during this sensor year, now often are	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 at school?	☐ Yes	□ No	0	
If you answered <u>No</u> , please skip part b.				
<ul> <li>b. If you feel nervous or anxious at school, do you thinl following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)</li> <li>Performing or speaking out loud in front of others</li> <li>Completing a test</li> <li>Spending time in groups with other students</li> <li>Sharing my ideas out loud when working in groups</li> <li>Another reason (please specify):</li> </ul>		because 	of any of the	
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
14. a. Do you usually hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness?				
If you answered Never, please skip part b.				
b. If you hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness, do y following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	you think i	t 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 <u>all</u> that are true for you.)  School staff Friends My parent(s)/guardian(s) A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counseld 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, counseld Other (please specify):	or, social w	orker)		
<ul> <li>17. If you had a concern about your mental health and did to they helped you?</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>I did not talk to an adult at school about it</li> </ul>	alk to an a	dult at so	chool, did you	feel

	<ul> <li>18. If you had a concern about your mental health an because of any of the following? (Please choose as a light preferred to handle the problem myself</li> <li>I preferred to handle the problem myself</li> <li>I didn't think they would be able to help</li> <li>I didn't know who to approach at school</li> <li>I was worried that other people would find one of the people would find the p</li></ul>	all that are			chool, is it	:
D. I	Healthy Schools					
	19. Please think about your experiences this school statements:	year wher	n respond	ing to the	following	
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
	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 musi	c, gym clas	SS,
	☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree	☐ Stron	gly Disagro	ee 🛭 No	ot Applicab	le
	21. a. My social identities are talked about and seen exceptionality, etc.).	in my sch	<b>ool</b> (e.g., l	anguage, c	culture,	
	☐ 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, clon)  My sexual orientation  My gender identity  My special education needs (e.g., learning of the shape)  My physical disability  Another social identity (please explain):	on, Métis, I othes, etc.	nuit, etc.)			

	a.	The classroom		u	<b>–</b>		
	b.	Extracurricular activities					
	C.	Guest speakers					]
	d.	Self directed learning					]
	e.	Other					
1	negatively be	ool year, have you experie cause of your gender, racial special education needs, sex	background, e	ethnic origi	in, religion, sod		
[	⊒ Yes	□ No					
	If you answe	ered <u>No</u> , please go to Questi	on 25.				
		<b>ve experienced discriminat</b> : (Please choose <u>all</u> that are			think it is bec	ause of an	y of the
24	☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ The ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Your ☐ Anot	racial background culture Indigenous background (e.g. first language, dialect or acc religion or faith way you look (e.g., weight, be sexual orientation gender identity family structure family's level of income grades or marks special education needs (e. physical disability her reason (please explain):	cent ody shape, cl g., learning di	othes, etc.	) utism, behaviou	-	ŕ
		ool year, have you <u>talked t</u> in your school or class?	<u>o an adult</u> at	school at	oout discrimir	nation that	you
		(If you answered <u>Yes,</u> pleas (If you answered <u>No</u> , please					
	b. How satis	fied are you with the way yon?	our school r	esponded	d to your repo	rt of	
	☐ Very Satis	sfied □ Satisfied □ L	Jnsatisfied [	☐ Very uns	satisfied [	☐ Not sure	
		e <u>not satisfied</u> with the res Please choose <u>all</u> that are tro		ou feel it v	was because	of any of t	he
	□ I felt □ Ther	process of reporting was cor I wasn't heard/listened to e was little/no follow up her reason (please explain):	-	ır			

Often

Sometimes

Never

Always

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

		u experienced discrimination and <u>did not talk to</u> the following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for the following in the		t school,	is it because of	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 y	ou feel welcome at your school?	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
1	If you a	answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b).				
		Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Me Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothe 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 disabit Your physical disability Another reason (please explain):	es, etc.) lity, autism	, behaviou	ur, giftedness, e	etc.)
	_	Thouse explains.		Often	Sometimes	Never
	. Do y	ou feel welcome in school activities, teams, or	Always □			inevei
b	If you a	answered Always, please skip part b).  u do not feel welcome, or that you do not belong think it is because of any of the following: (Pleat Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Me Your first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clother Your sexual orientation	se choose étis, Inuit, e	<u>all</u> that ar		ıbs,
		Your gender identity Your family structure Your family's level of income Your grades or marks Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability Another reason (please explain):	lity, autism	, behaviou	ur, giftedness, e	etc.)

		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'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.					
					Yes	No
31.	If you were bullied or saw someone being bullied report it at your school?	now to				
32.	Are you aware of the anonymous reporting butto school and Board websites?					
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?	its at this		<b>-</b>		

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

36. How many times have you been bullied by ar months?	nother student(s) <u>at school over the last two</u>				
<ul> <li>□ Not at all</li> <li>□ 1-2 times</li> <li>□ 3-5 times</li> <li>□ 6-10 times</li> <li>□ More than 10 times</li> </ul>					
37. In which of the following ways have you beer 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.)	cause of any of the following? (Please choose <u>all</u>				
<ul> <li>Your gender</li> <li>Your racial background</li> <li>Your culture</li> <li>Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.)</li> <li>Your first language, dialect or accent</li> <li>Your religion or faith</li> <li>The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.)</li> <li>Your sexual orientation</li> <li>Your gender identity</li> <li>Your family structure</li> <li>Your family's level of income</li> <li>Your grades or marks</li> <li>Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.)</li> <li>Your physical disability</li> <li>Another reason (please explain):</li> </ul>					
39. Think of the last time <u>you were</u> bullied. What <i>you.)</i>	did you do? (Please choose all 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 o ☐ I fought back. ☐ Other (please explain):					

				Yes	No	I did not report it
40.	. 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.	There is an adult at this school with whom I would feel comfortable speaking if I am bullied.					
42.	There is an adult at this school with whom I would feel comfortable speaking if I know of someone else being bullied.					
43.	How often do you think staff at your school (e.g., staff) do the following:	teachers,	lunchroo	om supervi	sors, offic	e
	,	Always	Often S	Sometimes	Never	Not Sure
	notice bullying?					
	try to stop bullying?					
	ignore bullying? listen to both sides of the story?					
	□ 0 □ 1-5 □ 6-10 □ 11-15 □ 16-20 □ more than 21 □ Don't know					
45.	Please indicate where you've seen yourself most and alcohol use:	often this	school y	ear with re	spect to d	lrug
	☐ Not using (e.g., not using drugs or alcohol)					
	☐ <b>Trying it out</b> (e.g., trying drugs or alcohol becayou may never use again)	ause you a	re curious	s, feeling pre	essure to fi	t in,
	☐ Using sometimes (e.g., using sometimes: wit	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, fer or anxious, feeling physically ill when you are r around using)					

## G. Pathways & Transitions (Grade 12 only)

46.	46. Does your Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) for after high school include:								
						Yes	No	Not Sure	In Progress
	a.	Your initial postseco training, college, cor workplace)?							_
	b. Your postsecondary goals (e.g., part-time work, volunteer activities, hobbies)?						0		
	C.	Strategies to achiev goals (e.g., financing			tinations and				
47.	<ul> <li>47. Which web-based tool(s) have you been using as part of your planning for postsecondary? (Please choose all that are true for you.) □ Career Cruising □ myBlueprint □ Other (please explain): □ I have not used a web-based tool as part of my planning</li> </ul>								
48.		ow often have you us		Cruising, my	Blueprint, or o	ther web b	ased to	ols for	
	ро	stsecondary plannii	once a	Once a	Once every	Twice a			
			week	month	few months	year	Once	a year	Never
	a.	In school					Ţ	<b>-</b>	
	h	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 Canad  Yes (If yes, please ski							
	b. If you were not born in Canada, how long have you lived in Canada?							
	<ul><li>□ Less than 1 year</li><li>□ 1 year</li><li>□ 2 years</li><li>□ 3 years</li></ul>		<ul><li>8 years</li><li>9 or more years</li></ul>					
50.		s Canadian?	Canadian.)					
51.	Which of the following bes apply to you.)	st describes your racial/ethnic ba	ackground? (Please choose <u>all</u> that					
	<ul> <li>□ Asian - East (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Mongolian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Asian - South (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Tamil, Caribbean, etc.)</li> <li>□ Asian - Southeast (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Indonesian, Malaysian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Black - (e.g., South African, Nigerian, Ghanaian, Caribbean, Moroccan, etc.)</li> <li>□ Indigenous (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.)</li> <li>□ Latino or Hispanic (e.g., Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian, Mexican, Salvadorian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Armenian, Afghan, Iraqi, Lebanese, etc.)</li> <li>□ White (e.g., British, Italian, German, Russian, French, etc.)</li> <li>□ Please write your racial/ethnic background if you do not see yourself reflected above:</li> </ul>							
52.	What is your cultural or rel	ligious background? (You may v	vrite more than one.)					
53.	If you are of Indigenous an	ncestry, please choose all that a	pply to you:					
	☐ First Nation ☐ Mé ☐ Another Indigenous ances	etis 🔲 Inuit stry:						
54.	What is your sexual oriental Asexual Asexual Bisexual Gay Heterosexual/Straight Intersex Lesbian Queer Questioning Two-Spirit Don't Know I prefer not to say Please write your sexual or above:	ation?  orientation if you do not see yours	elf reflected					

55. Have you ever considered yourself to be homeless? ☐ Yes ☐ No								
56. Have you considered yourself to be homeless in the last twelve months? □ Yes □ No								
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			
Homework and studying (outside of school time)	Applicable g □							
b. Part-time work for pay								
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 □ 70–7	′9% □ 60–69°	% □ 50–59	9% □ Belo	w 50%				

Thank you for completing this survey.