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English

## SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE



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This questionnaire asks for information about:

- the school's resources;
- the number of teachers in the school and their qualifications;
- characteristics of the student body;
- the relationship the school has with the students;
- some of the administrative structures within the school; and
- some of the pedagogical practices of the school.

The information may help to establish the impact of resource distribution on student achievement - both within and between countries.

The questionnaire should be completed by the princ paloo designate. It should take about 30 minutes to complete.

If you do not know an answer precisely your best estimation will be adequate for the purposes of the study.


## Preliminary note:

## Sometimes you will be asked about:

- the whole of your school; or
- 15-year-olds within your school; or,
- the grade level at which most 15-year-olds are studying.

Where it is all 15-year-old students, we have underlined the text to emphasize that it is this whole group that we wish you to think about.


## Q 1 Which of the following best describes the community in which your school is located?

(Please mark only one box.)
A village or rural area (fewer than 3000 people) $\qquad$
A small town (3000 to about 15000 people) $\qquad$
A town (15 000 to about 100000 people) $\qquad$
A city (100 000 to about 1000000 people) $\qquad$
Close to the centre of a city with over 1000000 people


Elsewhere in a city with over 1000000 people $\qquad$

## Q 2 As of March 31, 2000, what was the total school enrolment

 (number of students)?(Please write in a number on each hon. White 0 (zero) if there are none.)
a) Number of boys:
b) Number of girls:


## Q 3 Is your schools public or a private school?

(Please mark on \&y one box.)
A public school

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(Thisis a serbool managed directly or indirectly by a public education authority,
government agency, or governing board appointed by government or elected by public franchise.)

A private school

(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a non-government organization; e.g., a church, trade union, businesses, other private institutions.)

## Q 4 About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?

(Please write in a number on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there is none.)
Percentage
a) Government (includes, local, regional, provincial and federal). $\qquad$
b) Student fees or school charges paid by parents
c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fund raising $\qquad$
d) Other $\qquad$

Total. $\qquad$ $100 \%$


## Q 5 Are the following grade levels found in your school?

 (Please mark one box on each row.a) Grade 1 $\qquad$


## Q 6 The following question refers to different aspects of

 instructional time for $\mathbf{1 5}$-year-old students in your school.(If 15-year-olds are in different programs or grades, choose the one where most of the 15-year-olds are located.)
(Please write in a number on each row.)
a) How many instructional weeks are there in the school year? $\qquad$ weeks
b) How many class periods are there in the school week? .... $\qquad$ class periods
c) How many instructional minutes are there in the average single class period ? $\qquad$


## Q 7 How often are the following factors considered when students are admitted to your school?

(Please mark one box on each row.)
a) Residence in a particular area


Never Sometimes Always
b) Student's record of academic performance (including placement tests) $\sim$...........................
c) Recommendation of feeder schools $\qquad$
d) Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the sch aol $\qquad$
e) Whether the student requires or is interested in a special program $\qquad$
f) Preference given to family members of current
or former students $\qquad$
g) Other $\qquad$

## Q 8 In your school, what percentage of 15-year-old students is studying each program?

(For students taking a program that would allow them to go on to more than one of these destinations, select the destination that has the highest entrance requirements.)

## (Equivalence:

Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 9 to 12 is equivalent to Senior 1 to 4
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 to 12 is equivalent to Level 1 to Level III)
(Please write in a number on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there is ngne.)
a) Grade 7 to 9 or equivalent: A program that prepares students
for further academic education at a university, college or CEGEP $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%
b) Grade 7 to 9 or equivalent: A program that prepares students for further trade or technical education at aconlege or CEGEP $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%
c) Grade 7 to 9 or equivalent: (program designed to lead directly to the labour-market without futher post-secondary education $\qquad$ \%
d) Grade 10 to 12 or equivalent: A program that prepares students for further acadenic education at a university, college or CEGEP $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%
e) Grade 10 to 12 or equivalent: A program that prepares students

for fyrther trade or technical education at a college or CEGEP $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%

Grade 10 to 12 or equivalent: A program designed to lead directly to the labour-market without further post-secondary education $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%

Total.

Q 9 In your school, how important is each of the following factors in determining the study program of grade 10 (or equivalent) students?
(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)
(Please mark one box on each row.)
Not important
a) Students' choice $\qquad$
b) Students' previous academic record $\qquad$
c) A placement examination

d) Teachers' recommendation
e) Parents' or guardians' request


## Q 10 In your school, how likely is it that a grade 10 (or equivalent)

 student would be transferred to another school because of:(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on each row.)
If students are never transferred, go to Q 11.
 Very likely
c) behavioural problems $\qquad$
d) special learning needs


Not likely
a) low academic achievement $\qquad$ $\square$
b) high academic achievement $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$

e) parent's or guardian's request

f) other $\qquad$

 $\square_{1}$

## Q 11 In your school, how much is the learning of grade 10 (or equivalent) students hindered by:

## (If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for

 the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on each row.)

a) poor condition of buildings? $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$


## Q 12 For grade 10 (or equivalent) students, does your school provide the following resources?

(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(English language and literature may be referred to as English language arts. It does not include English as a Second Language.)
(Please mark one box on each row.)
a) Extra courses on academic subjects for gifted students

b) Special training in English language and literature for achievers.... $\square_{1}$
c) Special courses in study skills for low achievers............................... $\square_{1}$
d) Special tutoring by staff members
 $\square 1$
e) Room(s) where the students can do theirhomework with staff help $\qquad$ .$\square_{1}$

## Q 13 In your school, about how many computers are:

(Please write in aumber on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)
a) in the schophatogether?
b) avaiable to 15-year-old students? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
c) araiable only to teachers? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
d) available only to administrative staff? $\qquad$
e) connected to the Internet/World Wide Web? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
f) connected to a local area network (LAN, Intranet)? $\qquad$
$\qquad$

A full-time teacher is employed at least $90 \%$ of the time as a classroom teacher. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

Note that categories b) to i) are not mutually exclusive, so the total in item a) may be less than the sum of items b) to i).
(Please write in a number in each space provided. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)
a) are there in TOTAL? $\qquad$
b) have a bachelor's degree in education?

c) are fully certified as teachers by the province?

d) are teachers of English language and literature?
e) have a bachelor's degree with a major in English language and literature?

f) are teachers of mathematics? $\qquad$

$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

g) have a bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics?

h) are teachers of science
(e.g. chemistry, (physics, biology or earth sciences)? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
i) have a bachelor so degree with a major in science (e.g. chemistry, physics, biology or earth sciences)? $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Q 15 During the last three months, what percentage of teaching staffing your school have attended a program of professional development?

Professional development is a formal program designed to enhance teaching skills or pedagogical practices. It may or may not lead to a recognized qualification. The total length of the program must last for at least one day and have a focus on teaching and education.
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## Q 16 Generally, in your school how often are Grade 10 (or

 equivalent) students assessed using:(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box in each row.)


Q 17 In your school, about how often is information on the performance of grade 10 (or equivalent) students formally communicated to:
(If there are no studentsin grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade levelinnwich the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence.
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Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundiand: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on each row.)

| Never | Yearly | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { times } \\ & \text { a year } \end{aligned}$ | 3 times a year | 4 or more times a year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) parents? .............................................. $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square \square_{4}$ | $\square 5$ |
| b) school principal? ................................... $\square_{1}$ | $\square \square_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square 4$ | $\square 5$ |
| c) board/district/provincial administrators? ... $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square 4$ | $\square 5$ |

## Q 18 In your school, are evaluations of grade 10 (or equivalent) students used to:

(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on each row.)
a) inform parents about their child's progress?

b) make decisions about retention or promotion?

c) group students for instructional purposes?

d) compare the school to district, provincial or national performance? $\square$
e) monitor the school's progress from yearto year? $\qquad$
f) make judgements about teachers' effectiveness? $\qquad$

## Q 19 In your school, is the learning of grade 10 (or equivalent)

 students hindered by:(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on each row.)
 agree or disagree with the following statements?

## (Please mark one box on each row.)

|  | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly agree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) The morale of teachers in this school is high......... | $\square \square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square \square_{4}$ |
| b) Teachers work with enthusiasm.......................... | $\square \square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square \square_{4}$ |
| c) Teachers take pride in this school....................... | $\square \square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ |  | $\square \square_{4}$ |
| d) Teachers value academic achievement. ................ | $\square_{1}$ |  | V | $\square 4$ |

## Q 21 In your school, is the learning of grade 10 (or equivalent)

 students hindered by a shortage/inadequacy of:(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba:
Newfoundland:

Grade 10 is equivalent to Senjor 2
Grade 10 is equivatent to Level I)
(Please mark one box on eachrons,
a) teachers?
 $\checkmark$ at all
b) teachers of English hanguage and literature? $\qquad$
c) teachers of mathematics? $\qquad$
d) teachers of science (e.g. chemistry, physics,
biomgy or earth sciences)? $\qquad$
$\square$
e) support personnel for classroom teachers? $\qquad$

| Very <br> little | To some <br> extent | A <br> lot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |

## Q 22 In your school, who has the main responsibility for:

(Please mark as many boxes as appropriate on each row.)

|  |  | Vice |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Principal/ |  |  |

a) hiring teachers? ..................................... $\square_{1}$
b) firing teachers? $\qquad$$\square 1$
c) establishing teachers' starting salaries?
d) determining teachers' salary increases?
e) formulating the school budget? $\qquad$
f) deciding on budget allocation within the school? $\qquad$$\square$
g) establishing student disciplinary policies? $\qquad$$\square_{1}$

 policies? $\qquad$
h) establishing student assessment


1) decidinguwhich courses are offered?.....$\square$
$\square$,
j) choosing which textbroks are used?..... $\square 1$
i) approving students for admittance to school? $\qquad$

## Q 23 What type of school is your institution?



Non-sectarian (no religious affiliation) $\qquad$
Sectarian/separate (with religious affiliation, for example Anglican, Catholic, Mennonite, etc.) $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$

## Q 24 Does your school offer a semestered program to grade 10 (or equivalent) students?

A semestered program is a program where students take a new schedule of courses part way through the school year.
(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
(Equivalence:
Manitoba: $\quad$ Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
Newfoundland:

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\text { Grade } 10 \text { is equivalent to Level I) }
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Yes $\qquad$
No $\qquad$

## Q25a This school year, about what percentage of students at your school have been enrolled in a course orprogram requiring them to spend time in a workplace (for example, Co-op, work education)?

$\qquad$ \% $\quad \rightarrow \mathrm{GO}$
OR

No such programs avalable
$\rightarrow$ GO TO QUESTION 26

## Q25b How are students selected to participate in this program?

(Pleasesmark̂as many boxes as apply.)
a) Open to anyone who applies $\qquad$
6) On a first come, first serve basis or by random selection $\qquad$
c) Staff recommend or select individuals. $\qquad$
d) According to year of study $\qquad$
e) According to identification of higher dropout risk $\qquad$
f) According to marks and grades $\qquad$ $\square_{6}$
g) By acceptable attendance records $\qquad$ $\square_{7}$
h) Participation is mandatory $\qquad$ $\square_{8}$
i) By a school interview $\qquad$ $\square 9$

## Q26 Which of the following programs are offered through this school and which programs, if any, are considered the main focus of this school?

## (Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

A program is a specially designed curriculum.
A language immersion program is a program where $25 \%$ or more of instruction time is spent in the immersion language.

i) Program for special needs (fer example, special education or program for students witnterrning difficulties) $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$
j) Program targeting giftedstudents (for example, enriched program) $\qquad$
k) Alternatixe prograng for example, programs flexible enough to accommodate students returning to school, presynant teens, adults etc.) $\qquad$


## Q27 At this school, is unpaid community service (volunteer work) mandatory for graduation?

Yes $\qquad$ $\square 1$

No $\qquad$

Q28a Does your school have an ongoing partnership with a business or company?

Yes $\qquad$ $\rightarrow$ GO TO QUESTION 28b

No $\qquad$ $\rightarrow$ GO TO QUESTION 29


Q28b Through this partnership does the business or company provide any of the following?
(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)
a) Learning materiats (bors, charts, etc.) $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$
b) Technology (or computers) $\qquad$
c) Work experience opportunities for students $\qquad$ $\square_{3}$
d) Contribution to course content or development. $\qquad$
e) Information on career opportunities $\qquad$ 1
f) Eunding $\qquad$ ${ }_{5}$
S) Scholarships or rewards $\qquad$ $\square_{7}$
h) Other, please specify $\qquad$

Q29 Approximately what percentage of last year's high school graduates went on to...

If your school does not have senior high school students, mark this box $\square_{1}$ and go to Question 30a.
a) University? $\qquad$ \%
b) College, CEGEP or other post-secondary? $\qquad$
c) Other (for example, work or travel)?

Total for $a, b$ and $c$ must equal
OR

d) Destination of graduates is not known.

## Q30a Does this school...

(Please mark one box on each row.)
Noa) have programs or practices in place to helpat risk students stay in school?
$\qquad$$\square 1$ 1
b) have programs or practices in place to encourage students who have dropped out to return to school? $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$

## Q30b What does this school do for or offer to these students?

 (Please mark as many boxes as apply.)a) Contact parents $\qquad$
 risk students stay in
school
b) Close monitoring of student attendance or classroom performance $\qquad$$\square$

To encourage students who have dropped out to return to school
c) Incentives for better classroom atteneanceror classroom performance

d) Tutoring by teachers

e) Peer tutoring $\qquad$ ...
f) Alternative or flexible program $\qquad$ $\square 1$
g) Program where youth spend time with an employer (for example, coop or work education) $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$
h) Individual or group counselling for personal issues $\qquad$ $\square 1$
i) Academic counselling............................................................. $\square_{1}$
j) Career counselling

$\qquad$
(k) Recommend another school. $\qquad$

1) Referral to health-care providers outside the school ..... $\square 1$
m) Childcare for children of students

$\qquad$
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$\square_{2}$$\square_{2}$
$\qquad$
n) Other, please specify _

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

