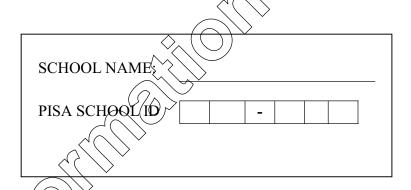


OECD Programme for International Student Assessment

Canada English

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE



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In Canada:

Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) Statistics Canada (STC) 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 principal or 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.

Your answers will be kept confidential. Thank you.

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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 3 000 people) \square_1
	A small town (3 000 to about 15 000 people)
	A town (15 000 to about 100 000 people)
	A city (100 000 to about 1 000 000 people)
	Close to the centre of a city with over 1 000 000 people
	Elsewhere in a city with over 1 000 000 people
Q 2	As of March 31, 2000, what was the total school enrolment (number of students)?
	(Please write in a number on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

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

(Please mark only one box.)

A public school

a) Number of boys:

b) Number of girls:

(This is a school 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.)

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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.)

	P	ercentage	
a) Government (includes, local, regional,			0/
provincial and federal)			%
b) Student fees or school charges paid by parents	_	. ^	
c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships,			
parent fund raising	_		% 0
d) Other		<u></u>	%
Total	>	100 %	
Q 5 Are the following grade levels found in you	ur s	chool?	
(Please mark one box on each row.)			
		Yes	No
a) Grade 1		\square_1	\square_2
b) Grade 2		\square_1	\square_2
c) Grade 3		\square_1	\square_2
d) Grade 4		\square_1	\square_2
e) Grade 5		\square_1	\square_2
f) Grade 6		\square_1	\square_2
g) Grade 7		\square_1	\square_2
h) Grade 8			\square_2
Grade 9 (Manitoba: Senior 1)		\square_1	\square_2
j) Grade 10 (Manitoba: Senior 2; Newfoundland: Level I)		\square_1	
k) Grade 11 (Manitoba: Senior 3; Newfoundland: Level II			
			\square_2
1) Grade 12 (Manitoba: Senior 4; Newfoundland: Level II		\square_1	<u></u>
n) Ungraded school	••••	\sqcup_1	2

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Q 6	The following question refers to different instructional time for 15-year-old student	-		ol.
	(If 15-year-olds are in different programs or growhere most of the 15-year-olds are located.)	ides, ch	oose the o	ne
	(Please write in a number on each row.)			
	a) How many instructional weeks are there in the school	year? _	weeks	
	b) How many <u>class periods</u> are there in the school <u>week's</u>	?	class p	periods
	c) How many instructional <u>minutes</u> are there in the avera single <u>class period</u> ?		minut	es
Q 7	How often are the following factors cons are admitted to your school?	idered	when stu	udents
	(Please mark one box on each row.)	Never	Sometimes	Always
	a) Residence in a particular area	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	b) Student's record of academic performance			
	(including placement tests)	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	c) Recommendation of feeder schools	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	d) Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious			
	philosophy of the school	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	e) Whether the student requires or is interested in			
	a special program	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	f) Preference given to family members of current			
/	or former students	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
	g) Other	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3

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Q 8 In your school, what percentage of <u>15-year-old students</u> 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.)

(Equ	ivalence:			
	itoba:	Grade 9 to 12 is equivalent to Senior 1 to 4		
Newj	foundland:	Grade 10 to 12 is equivalent to Level 1 to Level III)		
(Ple	ease write in	a number on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there is	none.)	
			Percentage	
a) (Grade 7 to 9 or	equivalent: A program that prepares students		
fe	or further acade	emic education at a university, college or CEGEP		%
b) (Grade 7 to 9 or	equivalent: A program that prepares students		
		or technical education at a college or CEGEP		0/
10	or rurtiler trade	of technical education at a contege of CEGE1		/(
c) (Grade 7 to 9 or	equivalent: A program designed to lead directly		
to	o the labour-ma	arket without further post-secondary education		%
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d) (Grade 10 to 12.	or equivalent: A program that prepares students		
fe	or further acade	erorc education at a university, college or CEGEP		9/
e) (Grade 10 to 12	or equivalent: A program that prepares students		
	\frown	or technical education at a college or CEGEP		%
$\begin{cases} \\ f \end{cases}$	Grade 10 to 12 (or equivalent: A program designed to lead directly		
		arket without further post-secondary education		%
	Total		100 %	

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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.)

(Equivaler	ice:
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Manitoba: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)

(Please mark one box on each row.)

	Not important	Important	Very importar
a) Students' choice	\square_1	2	\square_3
b) Students' previous academic record			\square_3
c) A placement examination		\rightarrow \square_2	\square_3
d) Teachers' recommendation		\square_2	\square_3
e) Parents' or guardians' request	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3

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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: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)

(Please mark one box on each row.)		^ ^	
If students are never transferred, go to Q 11.			$\frac{1}{2}$
	Not likely	Likely	Very likely
a) low academic achievement	. \square_{l}		\square_3
b) high academic achievement		\supset \square_2	\square_3
c) behavioural problems		\square_2	\square_3
d) special learning needs	\supset \square_1	\square_2	\square_3
e) parent's or guardian's request	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3
f) other	. \square_1	\square_2	\square_3

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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: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)

(Please mark one box on each row.)

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	Not	Very .	To some	A
	at all	little	extent	lot
a) poor condition of buildings?	$$ \square_1		3	\square_4
b) poor heating, cooling and/or lighting systems?	\Box_1 ((2	\square_3	\square_4
c) lack of instructional space (e.g., classrooms)?			\square_3	\square_4
d) lack of instructional material (e.g., textbooks)?		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
e) not enough computers for instruction?		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
f) lack of instructional materials in the library?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
g) lack of multi-media resources for instruction?	$$ \square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
h) inadequate science laboratory equipment?	□ ₁	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
i) inadequate facilities for the fine arts?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

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 respont the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.	
	(Equivalence: Manitoba: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)	
	(English language and literature may be referred to as English language.)	nguage
	(Please mark one box on each row.)	
	a) Extra courses on academic subjects for gifted students \square_1	\square_2
	b) Special training in English language and literature for low achievers \square_1	\square_2
	c) Special courses in study skills for low achievers \square_1	\square_2
	d) Special tutoring by staff members	\square_2
	e) Room(s) where the students can do their homework with staff help \square_1	\square_2
Q 13	In your school, about how many computers are: (Please write in a number on each row. Write 0 (zero) if there are	none.)
		Number
	a) in the school altogether?	
	b) available to 15-year-old students?	
	(a) available only to teachers?	
	connected to the Internet/World Wide Web?	
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f) connected to a local area network (LAN, Intranet)?.....

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Q 14 In your school, how many full-time and part-time teachers:

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.)

	Full time Part-time
a) are there in TOTAL?	
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?	
g) have a bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics?	
h) are teachers of science (e.g. chemistry, physics, biology or earth sciences)?	
i) have a bachelor's degree with a major in science (e.g. chemistry, physics, biology or earth sciences)?	

Q 15 During the last three months, what percentage of teaching staff in 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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k	Constally in your school how often are Crede 10 (or
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: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)
	(Please mark one box in each row.)
	2 times 2 times Never Yearly a year a year a year
	a) standardized tests? \square_1 \square_2 \square_3 \square_4 \square_5
	b) teacher-developed tests? \square_1 \square_3 \square_4 \square_5
	c) teachers' subjective ratings? \square_1 \square_3 \square_4 \square_5
	d) student portfolios? \square_2 \square_3 \square_4 \square_5
	e) student assignments/projects/homework? \square_2 \square_3 \square_4 \square_5
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 students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for
	the grade level in which the majority of 15-year-olds are enrolled.)
	(Equivalence: Manitoka: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2
	Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)

(Please mark one box on each row.)

4 or more 2 times 3 times times Never Yearly a year a year a year \square_2 a) parents?..... \square_1 \square_5 b) school principal?..... \square_1

 \square_2 \square_4 \square_5 c) board/district/provincial administrators? ... \square_1 \square_3

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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: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)

(Please mark one box on each row.)	
Yes	No
a) inform parents about their child's progress?	\square_2
b) make decisions about retention or promotion? \square_1	\square_2
c) group students for instructional purposes? \square_1	\square_2
d) compare the school to district, provincial or national performance? \square	\square_2
e) monitor the school's progress from year to year? \Box_1	\square_2
f) make judgements about teachers' effectiveness?	\square_2

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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:			
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Manitoba: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)

(Please mark one box on each row.)

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		Not at all	Very little	co/some extent	A lot
a)	low expectations of teachers?	\square_1		3	\square_4
b)	student absenteeism?			\square_3	\square_4
c)	poor student-teacher relations?			\square_3	\square_4
d)	teacher turnover?		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
e)	lack of parental support for student				
	learning at home?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
f)	disruption of classes by students?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
g)	teachers not meeting individual students' needs?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
h)	teacher absenteeism?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
i)	students skipping classes?)	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
j)	students lacking respect for teachers?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
k)	staff resisting change?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
1)	not enough instructional time?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
m)	students' use of alcohol or illegal drugs?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
n	teachers being too strict with students?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
o)	students intimidating or bullying other students?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
p)	students not being encouraged to achieve their				
	full potential?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
q)	students coming from poor home				
	environments?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

Q 20 Think about the teachers in your school. How much do you 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_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	b) Teachers work with enthusiasm	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	c) Teachers take pride in this school	\square_1	\square_2		\square_4
	d) Teachers value academic achievement	\square_1		$\sqrt{3}$	\square_4
Q 21	In your school, is the learning of grade students hindered by a shortage/inade	- / /	\sim 7 \sim	⇒ ⊘ ilent)	
	(If there are no students in grade 10 in your sthe grade level in which the majority of 15-ye	\sim			r
	(Equivalence: Manitoba: Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I				
	(Please mark one box on each row)				
		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
	a) teachers?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	b) teachers of English language and literature?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	c) teachers of mathematics?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	d) teachers of science (e.g. chemistry, physics,				
/	biology or earth sciences)?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
<<	e) support personnel for classroom teachers?	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\square_4

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

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

		Not a school responsibility	Appointed or elected board		Vice Principal/ Departmer heads	
	a) hiring teachers?	D ₁	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	b) firing teachers?	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	c) establishing teachers' starting salar	ies? \square_1	\square_1		$\sqrt{\square_1}$	\square_1
	d) determining teachers' salary increase	ses? \square_1	\square_1			\square_1
	e) formulating the school budget?	D ₁	\Box_1			\square_1
	f) deciding on budget allocation within the school?	□1			\square_1	\square_1
	g) establishing student disciplinary policies?			\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	h) establishing student assessment policies?		\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	i) approving students for admittance to school?	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	j) choosing which textbooks are used	? \square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	k) determining course content?	D ₁	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
	l) deciding which courses are offered	? \square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
Q 23	What type of school is your Non-sectarian (no religious affiliation))			□ ₁	
	Sectarian/separate (with religious affil Catholic, Mennonite, etc.)	-		-	2	

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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:	Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2	\wedge
Newfoundland:	Grade 10 is equivalent to Level I)	
Yes	1	
No	2	

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

_____% → GO TO QUESTION 25b

OR

No such programs available a → GO TO QUESTION 26

Q25b How are students selected to participate in this program?

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

//2	a) Open to anyone who applies	\Box_1
$\langle \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	On a first come, first serve basis or by random selection	
(c) Staff recommend or select individuals	. D 3
(d) According to year of study	
6	e) According to identification of higher dropout risk	
f	f) According to marks and grades	
٤	g) By acceptable attendance records	
ŀ	h) Participation is mandatory	
i	i) By a school interview	

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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.

	Program	Program is
	offered	the main focus of this school
a) French language immersion program	$ \wedge$	\square_2
b) English language immersion program		$\supset \bigcup_{2}$
c) Other language immersion program		\square_2
d) English as a second language (ESL) program		\square_2
e) French as a second language program (FSL)	₁	\square_2
f) Program targeting the arts (for example, dance, theatre, visual arts, etc.)	₁	\square_2
g) Program targeting sports	₁	\square_2
h) Trade/vocational program	₁	\square_2
i) Program for special needs (for example, special education		
or program for students with learning difficulties)	₁	\square_2
j) Program targeting gifted students (for example, enriched program)	₁	\square_2
k) Alternative program (for example, programs flexible		
enough to accommodate students returning to school,		
pregnant teens, adults etc.)	₁	\square_2
l) Other program, please specify		\square_2

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Q27	At this school, is unpaid community service (volunteer work mandatory for graduation?			
	Yes			
	No			
Q28a	Does your school have an ongoing partnership with a business or company?			
	Yes \Box_1 \rightarrow GO TO QUESTION 28b			
	No \square_2 \rightarrow GO TO QUESTION 29			
Q28h	Through this partnership, does the business or company			
4200	provide any of the following?			
	(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)			
	a) Learning materials (books, charts, etc.)			
	b) Technology (or computers)			
	c) Work experience opportunities for students			
	d) Contribution to course content or development			
,	e) Information on career opportunities			
\langle	f) Funding \Box_6			
	g) Scholarships or rewards			
	h) Other, please specify			

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? ______%
- b) College, CEGEP or other post-secondary? %
- c) Other (for example, work or travel)? %

Total for a, b and c must equal 100%

OR

d) Destination of graduates is not known.

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Q30a	Does this school		
	(Please mark one box on each row.)		
		Yes	No
	a) have programs or practices in place to help at risk students stay in school?		\square_2
	b) have programs or practices in place to encourage students who have dropped out to return to school?	₁	\square_2
Q30b	What does this school do for or offer to th	ese student	\$?
	(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)		
		To help at risk students stay in school	To encourage students who have dropped out to return to school
	a) Contact parents		\square_2
	b) Close monitoring of student attendance or classroom performance	₁	\square_2
	c) Incentives for better classroom attendance or classroom performance		\square_2
	d) Tutoring by teachers	₁	\square_2
	e) Peer tutoring.	\square_1	\square_2
	f) Alternative or flexible program	\square_1	\square_2
	g) Program where youth spend time with an employer (for example, co-op or work education)		\square_2
	h) Individual or group counselling for personal issues	1	\square_2
	i) Academic counselling	₁	\square_2
	(areer counselling	₁	\square_2
	k) Recommend another school	₁	\square_2
	Referral to health-care providers outside the school	₁	\square_2
	m)Childcare for children of students	1	\square_2
	n) Other, please specify	\square_1	\square_2

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

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