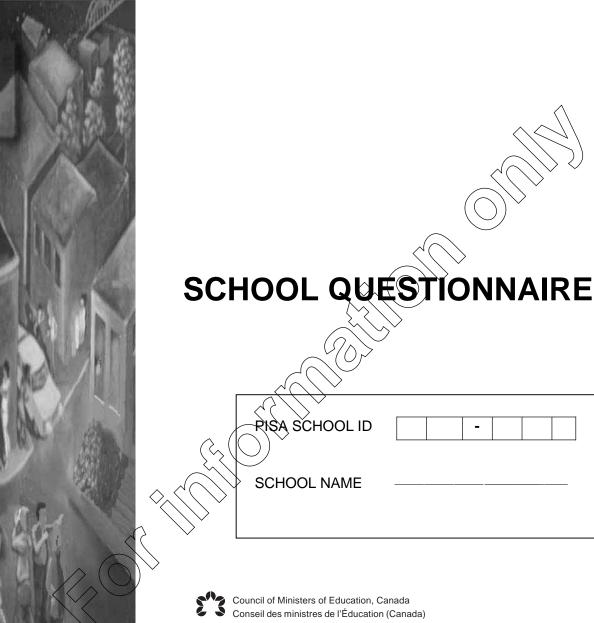




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This questionnaire asks for information about:

- the characteristics of the school;
- the student body;
- teachers in the school;
- some of the pedagogical practices of the school, sometimes with particular regard to mathematics;
- the school's resources;
- some of the administrative structures within the school.

This information may, for example, help to establish the impact of resource distribution on student achievements — both within and between countries. It may also help to establish the impact of different teaching strategies and practices on student achievement.

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 estimate will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

Your answers will be combined with answers from other principals to calculate totals and averages in which on one school can be identified.

#### 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.

## Q1 Which of the following best describes the community in which your school is located?

(Please mark only one box.)

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A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3 000 people)
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)
A large city with over 1 000 000 people

### Q2 As of March 31, 2003, what was the total school enrolment (number of students)?

(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

- a) Number of boys:
- b) Number of girls: (

Q3	Is your school a public or a private school?
	(Please mark only one box.)
	A public school $\square_1$
	(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 organisation; e.g., a church, trade union, business, or other private institution.)
Q4	About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?
	(Please write a number in each row Write 0 (zero) if no funding comes from that source.)
	a) Government (includes local, regional, provincial and federal)
	b) Student fees or school charges paid by parents
	c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fund raising
	d) Other
	Total 100%

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#### Q5 Are the following grade levels found in your school?

		Yes	No
a)	Grade 1		
b)	Grade 2		
c)	Grade 3		
d)	Grade 4		$\triangleright$
e)	Grade 5		
f)	Grade 6.		
g)	Secondary 1 (Grade 7)		
h)	Secondary 2 (Grade 8)		
i)	Secondary 3 (Grade 9)		
j)	Secondary 4 (Grade 10)		
k)	Secondary 5 (Grade 11)		
n)	Ungraded school		
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# Q6 About what percentage of students in your school repeated a grade, at these grade levels, last academic year?

(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if nobody repeated a grade. Mark the not applicable box if the grade level does not appear in your school.)

The approximate percentage of students in Secondary 1-3 (grade 7-9) who repeated a grade in this school last year was:

The approximate percentage of students in Secondary 4 or 5 (grade 10 or 11) who repeated a grade in this school last year was:

The following is a list of grade levels that may be in your school and that are available to <u>15-year-old</u> students.

- *Secondary 1- 3 (grade 7-9)*
- Secondary 4- 5 (grade 10-11)

Q7 For each of these grade levels in your school:

(Please write a number in each row for each grade level in your school.)

econdary 4-5

- Secondary 1-3
- a) How many instructional weeks are in the school year?

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- b) How many hours in total are there in the school week?
  (include lunch, breaks, study hall time, and after school activities) ......
- c) How many hours for instruction are there in the school week?

  (exclude lanch, breaks and after school activities) .......

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## Q8 Is your school's capacity to provide instruction hindered by a shortage or inadequacy of any of the following?

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
a)	Qualified mathematics teachers		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
b)	Qualified science teachers			$\square_3$	4
c)	Qualified english teachers		$\square_2$		
d)	Qualified french as-a-second-language teachers			3	
e)	Qualified other language teachers		$\bigcirc$		$\square_4$
f)	Experienced teachers			$\square_3$	
g)	Supply/replacement teachers			$\square_3$	$\square_{_4}$
h)	Support personnel			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
i)	Instructional materials (e.g. textbooks)		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_3$	$\square_{_{4}}$
j)	Budget for supplies (e.g. paper, pencils)		$\square_{_2}$		$\square_{_{4}}$
k)	School buildings and grounds			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	Heating/cooling and lighting systems			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
m	Instructional space (e.g. classrooms)		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	
n)	Special equipment for disabled students		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_3$	$\square_{_4}$
o)	Computers for instruction			$\square_3$	
p)	Computer software for instruction			$\square_3$	$\Box_4$

			Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
	q) Calculators for instruction			$\square_{_2}$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	r) Library materials				$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
	s) Audio-visual resources			$\square_{_2}$		$\square_4$
	t) Science laboratory equipmer materials					
Q9	In your school, about	how many	compu	ters	hre:	
	(Please write a number in	each row. Wi	rite 0 (ze	ero) if	there are	none.)
		<b>♦</b>		<b>~</b>	Nun	nber
	a) in the school altogether?		<u></u>	•••••		
	b) available to 15-year-old stud	ents				
	c) available only to teachers 2.					
	d) available only to administrat	ive staff?				
	e) connected to the Internet/Wo	orld Wide Web?				
	f) connected to a local area net	work (LAN, Intr	ranet)?		····	
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## Q10 How much consideration is given to the following factors when students are admitted to your school?

	(Fleuse mark one box in each row.)				
		Prerequisite	High priority	Considered	Not considered
a)	Residence in a particular area		$\square_{_{2}}$	$\square_3$	4
b)	Student's academic record (including placement tests)				
c)	Recommendation of feeder schools			$\bigcirc$	4
d)	Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school				
e)	Student need or desire for a special program		$\searrow$		
f)	Attendance of other family members at the school (past or present)		2	3	4
	igree with the following statemen	Strongly			Strongly
		agree	Agree	Disagree	disagrée
a)	Students enjoy being in school		$\square_2$		$\square_4$
b)					
	Students work with enthusiasm	1	$\bigsqcup_{2}$		
d)	Students work with enthusiasm	1		$\square_3$	
u)					
	Students take pride in this school				
e) f)	Students take pride in this school				

## Q12 Generally, in your school, how often are Secondary 4 students assessed using:

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(If there are no students in Secondary 4 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

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(	Please mark only one box in each	i row.)	)	<		2)
		Never	1 – 2 times a	3-5 times a year	Monthly	More than once a month
a)	standardised tests?			$\square_3$		$\square_{5}$
b)	teacher-developed tests?			$\square_{_{3}}$		
c)	teachers' total impression ratings?	<i>&gt;</i> □₁		$\square_3$		$\square_{5}$
d)	student portfolios?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
e)	student assignments/ projects/homework?	. 🗀 1			$\square_4$	

#### Q13 In your school, are assessments of Secondary 4 students used for any of the following purposes?

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(If there are no students in Secondary 4 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

(	Please mark only one box in each row.)	$\wedge$	
			> )
		Yes	No
a)	To inform parents about their child's progress.		
b)	To make decisions about students' retention or promotion		
c)	To group students for instructional purposes.		
d)	To compare the school to district, provincial or national performance.		
e)	To monitor the school's progress from year to year.		
f)	To make judgements about teachers' effectiveness		
g)	To identify aspects of instruction or the curriculum that could be improved.		
h)>	To compare the school with other schools.		
X			

Q14 About how many 15-year-old students in your school have a mother-tongue that is not English?

(Please mark only one box.) a) 40% or more ..... b) 20% or more but less than 40% ..... c) 10% or more but less than 20% ...... d) Less than 10% ..... Schools with students whose mother-tongue is not English Q15 sometimes offer specific language options to these students. Does your school offer any of the following options to 15-year-old students whose mother-tongue is not English? (Please mark one box in each row Yes, for 2 or Yes, for 2 or Yes, for one  $\check{m}ore$ more No not for any languages NotYes, for language languages languages appli-cable French only including only but but not French not French French a) Instruction in their language is offered as a separate subject. b) Instruction in other parts of the curriculum is offered in their language. ...

Q16 Schools sometimes organise instruction differently for students with different abilities and interests in mathematics.

Which of the following options describe what your school does for Secondary 4 students in mathematics classes?

1	If there are no students in Secondary respond for the grade level in which the greate enrolled)		<	1 1 2 1
	(Please mark one box in each row.)			
		For all classes	For some classes	Not for any classes
	Mathematics classes study similar content, but at different levels of difficulty.			
b)	Different classes study different content or sets of mathematics topics that have different levels of difficulty.			
c)	Students are grouped by ability within their mathematics classes.			
d)	In mathematics classes, teachers use a pedagogy suitable for students with a range of abilities (i.e. students are not grouped by ability).			

#### Q17 In your school, do any of the following activities to promote engagement with mathematics occur?

(Please mark one box in each row)

		Yes	No			
a)	Enrichment mathematics					
b)	Remedial mathematics					
c)	Mathematics competitions					
d)	Mathematics clubs					
e)	Computer clubs (specifically related to mathematics)		$\supset$ $\square_2$			
	How many of the following are on the staff of your					

#### Q18 How many of the following are on the staff of your school?

Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a teacher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

(Please write a number in each space provided. Write 0 (zero) if there is none.)

Part Time

Full time

\(\frac{1}{2}\)	
a) Teachers in TOTAL	 
b) Teachers fully certified by the province	
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c) Teachers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in	
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### Q19 How many of the following are on the MATHEMATICS staff of your school?

*Include both full-time and part-time teachers.* A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a teacher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

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Please count only those teachers who have taught or will teach mathematics during the current school year.

(Please write a number in each space there are none.)	provided	d. Write 0	(zero) if  Part Time
a) Teachers of mathematics in TOTAL			
b) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or degree and with a major in Mathematics	or Master's	<u> </u>	
c) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelon's degree but not a major in Mathematics	or Master's		
d) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's of degree in education			
Q20 During the last year, have any of to monitor the practice of Mathen school?			
(Rlease mark one box in each row.)	V	λſ	
a) Principal or senior staff observations of classes	Yes .	No	
b) Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school			

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## Q21 How much do you agree with these statements about innovation in your school?

			Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	a)	Mathematics teachers are interested in trying new methods and teaching practices.	. 🔲 1	2	$\square_3$	4
	b)	There is a preference among mathematics teachers to stay with well-known methods and practices.				
	c)	There are frequent disagreements between 'innovative' and 'traditional' mathematics teachers.	. D <sub>1</sub>	$\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$ 2		$\Box_4$
Q22		How much do you agree with the teachers' expectations in your some solutions are the companies.			its abo	ut
	۵)	There is consequently and the motion	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	a)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that academic achievement must be kept as high as possible.				
	b)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that it is best to adapt academic standards to the students' level and needs.	. 🗆 1		$\square_3$	4
<	0	There are frequent disagreements between mathematics teachers who consider each other to be 'too demanding' or 'not demanding enough'.	. 🔲 1			

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#### How much do you agree with these statements about **Q23** teaching goals in your school?

(Please mark one how in each row)

(	r lease mark one box in each row.)				
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that the social and emotional development of the student is as important as their acquisition of mathematical skills and knowledge in mathematics classes				4
b)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that the development of mathematical skills and knowledge in students is the most important objective in mathematics classes.				
c)	There are frequent disagreements between mathematics teachers who consider each other as 'too focused on skill acquisition' or 'too focused on the affective development' of the student.				
	hink about the teachers in your s		How mu	ıch do y	ou/

### **Q24**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a) The morale of teachers in this school is high			$\square_3$	
b) Teachers work with enthusiasm.			$\square_3$	4
c) Teachers take pride in this school				4
d) Teachers value academic achievement				

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#### Q25 In your school, to what extent is the learning of Secondary 4 students hindered by:

(If there are no students in Secondary 4 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

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		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	$_{lot}^{A}$
a)	teachers' low expectations of students?			3	
b)	student absenteeism?			$\square_3$	
c)	poor student-teacher relations?			$\square_3$	
d)	disruption of classes by students?				
e)	teachers not meeting individual students' needs?			$\square_3$	
f)	teacher absenteeism?			$\square_3$	
g)	students skipping classes?			$\square_3$	
h)	students lacking respect for teachers?			$\square_3$	
i)	staff resisting change?			$\square_3$	
j)	student use of alcohol or illegal drugs?			$\square_{_3}$	
$\langle \chi \rangle$	teachers being too strict with students?			$\square_{_3}$	
1)	students intimidating or bullying other students?			$\square_{_3}$	
m)	students not being encouraged to achieve their full potential?			$\square_3$	

#### Q26 In your school, who has the main responsibility for:

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

		Not a main responsibility of the school	Appointed or elected board/council	Principal	Department Head	Teacher(s)
a)	selecting teachers for hire?	. 🔲 1	1	1		1
b)	firing teachers?					
c)	establishing teachers' starting salaries?	. 🔲 1				
d)	determining teachers' salary increases?					
e)	formulating the school budget?					
f)	deciding on budget allocations within the school?					
g)	establishing student disciplinary policies? .					
h)	establishing student assessment policies?					
i)	approving students for admittance to the school?					
j)	choosing which textbooks are used?					
k)	determining course content?					
1)	deciding which courses are offered?	1	1			

# Q27 In your school, which of the following bodies exert a direct influence on decision making about staffing, budgeting, course content and assessment practices?

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

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Area of influence:

		Staffing	Budgeting	Instructional content	Assessment practises
a)	Provincial, regional education authorities				
b)	The school's appointed or elected board/council				$\downarrow$
c)	Employers (e.g. where the students spend their work-term)	$\square_1$		$\supset$	
d)	Parent groups				
e)	Teacher groups (e.g. Staff Association, curriculum committees, trade union)				
f)	Student groups (e.g. Student Association, youth organization)				
g)	External examination boards				

#### Q28 What type of school is your institution?

#### Q29 Does your school offer a semestered program to 15-year old students?

A semestered program is a program where students change courses part way through the year. This includes trimestered and quartered programs.

- a) Yes ....
- b) No .....

Q30a 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)?

	%	
	or	
	No such programs available $\Box_1 \rightarrow Go \text{ to QUESTION}_2$	3F\\
<b>720</b> b	How are students selected to participate in	thic
Q30b	program?	แแร
	(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)	
a)	Open to anyone who applies.	
b)	On a first come, first serve basis or by random selection	
0)	on a more come, records on by random server community	2
c)	Staff recommend or select individuals	$\square_3$
d)	According to year of study	
		<b>□</b> 4
(e)	According to identification of higher dropout risk	
f)	According to marks and grades	
g)	By acceptable attendance records	
h)	Participation is mandatory	8
i)	By a school interview	

# Q31 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.

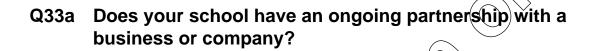
		Program is offered	Program the main focus of this school
a)	French language immersion program		
b)	English language immersion program		
c)	Other language immersion program		
d)	ESL/FSL program		
e)	Program targeting the arts for example, dance, theatre, visual arts, etc.		
f)	Program targeting sports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

### Q32 At this school, is unpaid community service (volunteer work) mandatory for graduation?

a) Yes.....

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b) No ......



b) No ...... → Go to QUESTION 34

#### Q33b Through this partnership, does the business or company 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) Curriculum input..... e) Information on career opportunities..... f) Funding..... g) Scholarships or rewards ..... h) Other, please specify

### Q34 Approximately what percentage of last year's high school graduates went on to...

If your school is not a senior high school, mark this box  $\square_1$  and go to Question 35.

- b) College, CEGEP or other post-secondary .... \_\_\_\_\_%

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Total for a, b and c must equal 100%

or

d) Destination of graduates is not known (...

\_\_%

Yes

No

#### Q35a Does this school.

(Please mark all that apply.)

a have programs or practices in place to help at risk

b) have programs or practices in place to encourage

students who have dropped out to return to school?......  $\square_1$ 

#### Q35b What does this school do for or offer to these students?

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(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		2
b)	Close monitoring of student attendance or classroom performance		
c)	Incentives for better classroom attendance or classroom performance		
d)	Tutoring by teachers		
e)	Peer tutoring		
f)	Alternative or flexible program		
g)	Program where youth spend time with an employer (for example, co-op or work education)		
h)	Individual or group counselling for personal issues		
i)	Academic counselling		
j)	Career counselling		
K)	Recommend another school		
1)	Referral to health-care providers outside the school		
m)	Childcare for children of students		
n)	Other, please specify		

#### Q36 Contact information:

This information will only be used if we need to clarify the information that you have provided.

Name of person completing this questionnaire: Last name First name Person completing this questionnaire is:  $\square_1$  Principal 2 Principal's designate Extension: Telephone number: E-mail:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.