

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 bythe primcipal or designate.

It should take about 30 minutes to complete.
If you do not know an answer precisetr, your best estimate will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

Yeuranswers will be combined with answers from other principals to calculate totals and averages in which no one school can be identified.

## Preliminary Note:

Sometimes yeu 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.)

A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3000 people) $\qquad$
$\square$

A small town (3000 to about 15000 people) $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$

A town (15000 to about 100000 people)


A large city with over 1000000 people $\qquad$
$\square$

## Q2 As of March 31, 2003, what was the total school

 enrolment (number of students)?(Please write a number in each ( KOH . 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 $\qquad$
(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 $\qquad$
(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 rews Mrite 0 (zero) if no funding comes from that source.)
\%
a) Government (includes local regional, provincial and federal) $\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) Student fees or sefhool charges paid by parents $\qquad$
$\qquad$
c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fund raising
d)

Other $\uparrow$.....

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

(Please mark one box on each row.)


## 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: $\qquad$
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 15-year-old 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.)

Secondary 1-3
a) How many
instructional weeks are in the school year?
b) How many hours in total are there in the school week? (include lunch, breaks, study hal time, and after school activities) $\qquad$

c) How many hours for instruction are there in the school week?
(exetudelunch,
breaks and after
school activities) $\qquad$
$\qquad$

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

(Please mark one box in each row.)

|  |  | Not at all | Very <br> little | To some extent | A lot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) | Qualified mathematics teachers ................ |  | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| b) | Qualified science teachers | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ |  |  |
| c) | Qualified english teachers |  | $]_{2}$ |  | 24) |
|  | Qualified french as-a-second-language teachers $\qquad$ |  |  |  | $\square_{4}$ |
| e) | Qualified other language teachers |  |  |  | $\square_{4}$ |
| f) | Experienced teachers |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| g) | Supply/replacement teachers ............ |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| h) | Support personnel |  |  | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | Instructional materials (e.g. textbooks) |  | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| j) | Budget for supplies (c.g. paper, pencils) ..... |  | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | School duildings and grounds |  | $\underline{\square}_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | Heating-cooling and lighting systems | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | Instructional space (e.g. classrooms) | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | Special equipment for disabled students ...... | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| o) | Computers for instruction ......................... | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
|  | Computer software for instruction ............. | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |

Not at

all \begin{tabular}{c}
Very <br>
little

 

To some <br>
extent
\end{tabular} A lot

q) Calculators for instruction $\qquad$
$\square$
r) Library materials $\qquad$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
$\square$
s) Audio-visual resources $\qquad$
$\square$


t) Science laboratory equipment and materials $\qquad$
$\square$ $\square_{2}$

## Q9 In your school, about how many computersare:

 (Please write a number in each row. Write 0freroy if there are none.)a) in the school altogether?


Number
b) available to 15 -year-old students?
c) available only to teachers $2 \wedge ?$
d) available only to administrative staff? $\qquad$
e) connected to the Jinternet/World Wide Web? $\qquad$ $\diamond\rangle$
f) connected to a loeal area network (LAN, Intranet)? $\qquad$ <

## Q10 How much consideration is given to the following factors when students are admitted to your school?

(Please mark one box in each row.)

Prerequisite | High |
| :---: |
| priority | Considered considered

a) Residence in a particular area $\qquad$
$\square$

$\square$
b) Student's academic record (including placement tests) $\qquad$

c) Recommendation of feeder schools $\qquad$





d) Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school $\qquad$



e) Student need or desire for a special program $\qquad$



f) Attendance of other family members at the school (past or present) $\qquad$

## Q11 Think about the students in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements?

(Please mark one brew ineach row.)


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

(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.)
a) standardised tests? $\qquad$ Never
b) teacher-developed tests?

$\square$


d) student portfolios?




e) student assigigments $\rangle$ projects/homework? $\qquad$
$\square$
$\square$

$\square$

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

(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.)
a) To inform parents about their child's progress

$\square$ No

b) To make decisions about students' retentien or promotion. $\qquad$
$\square$
c) To group students for instructional purposes.
d) To compare the school to district, provinetial or national performance. $\qquad$
$\square$

e) To monitor the schoolsprogess from year to year. $\qquad$
$\square$

f) To make judgenentsabout teachers' effectiveness. $\qquad$
$\square$

g) To identify aspects of instruction or the curriculum that cosidd be improved. $\qquad$
$\square$
by) Tocompare the school with other schools. $\qquad$
$\square$

## 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 $\qquad$
$\square$
b) $20 \%$ or more but less than $40 \%$ $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$
c) $10 \%$ or more but less than $20 \%$ $\qquad$ $\square_{3}$
d) Less than $10 \%$ $\qquad$ $\square 4$

## Q15 Schools with students whose mother-tongue is not English

 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 rour.)
a) Instruction 4 范
their language
is offeredas a separate
subject.



Yes, for one
language
only but
not French

| Yes, for 2 or | Yes, for 2 or |
| :---: | :---: |
| more | more |
| languages | languages |
| including | but not |
| French | French | Not

appli-
cable
b) Instruction in other parts of the curriculum is offered in their language. ... $\square_{1}$



$\square$

## 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?

(If there are no students in Secondary 4 in your school, «piequse respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 yeor alds are enrolled)
(Please mark one box in each row.)
a) Mathematics classes study similar content, but at different levels of difficulty.

b) Different classes study differentcontent or sets of mathematics topios that have different levels of difficulty. $\qquad$


c) Students are grouped by ability within their mathentatics elasses. $\qquad$



d) In mathematics classes, teachers use a pedagogy suitable for students with a range of abilities (i.e. students are not grouped by ability). $\qquad$
$\square$ $\square \square_{3}$

## 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
b) Remedial mathematics $\qquad$
c) Mathematics competitions $\qquad$

d) Mathematics clubs $\qquad$

e) Computer clubs (specifically related to mathematics) $\qquad$


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

Include both full-time and part-ime teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least $90 \%$ of the time as a teachenfor tha 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.
a) Teachers in TOTAL $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) Teachers fully certified by the province $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
c) Teachers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in education $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## 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.

Please count only those teachers who have taught or will teach mathematics during the current school year.
(Please write a number in each space provided. Write (revel if there are none.)
a) Teachers of mathematics in TOTAL $\qquad$

b) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree and with a major in Mathematics

$\qquad$
c) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree but not a major in Mathematics
d) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in education $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
e) Teachers of mathematics with a College Diploma but not a Bachelor's or Masters dregree $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Q20 During the last year, have any of the following been used to monitor the practice of Mathematics teachers at your school?
(Blease mark one box in each row.)
Yes
No
a) Principal or senior staff observations of classes $\qquad$
$\square$
$\square$
b) Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$ $\square_{2}$

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

(Please mark one box in each row.)

Strongly agree
a) Mathematics teachers are interested in trying new methods and teaching practices. $\qquad$
$\qquad$

b) There is a preference among mathematics teachers to stay with well-known methods and practices. $\qquad$

) There are frequent disagreements between 'innovative' and 'traditional' mathematics teachers. $\qquad$

Agree Disagree disagree
Strongly
disagree

$\square$

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

(Please mark one box in each row.)

Strongly agree

Agree

Strongly Disagree 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. $\qquad$


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. $\qquad$

) 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.
 $\square_{3} \square_{4}$

## Q24 Think about the teachers in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements?

(Please mark one ${ }^{2}$ dr in each row.)

| $\diamond_{0}<\Omega$ | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongl disagre |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) The moxale 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. | $\square{ }_{1}$ | $\square{ }_{2}$ | $\square 3$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| d) Teachers value academic achievement. ........ | $\square{ }_{1}$ | $\square{ }_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |

## Q25 In your school, to what extent is the learning of Secondary 4 students hindered by: <br> (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 one box in each row.)
a) teachers' low expectations of students? $\qquad$
$\begin{gathered}\text { Not at } \\ \text { all }\end{gathered}$
$\square$
b) student absenteeism? $\qquad$
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h) students lacking respect for teachers? $\qquad$
i) staff resisting change? $\qquad$
$\square$


j) studentuse of alcohol or illegal drugs? $\qquad$
$\square$
$\square$
k) teachers being too strict with students? $\qquad$

1) students intimidating or bullying other students? $\qquad$
$\square$
$\square$$\square 4$
m) students not being encouraged to achieve their full potential? $\qquad$

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

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

| Not a main <br> responsibility of <br> the school | Appointed or <br> elected |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| board/council | Principal | Department | Head | Teacher(s) |

a) selecting teachers for hire? $\qquad$
$\square$
b) firing teachers? $\qquad$

$\square_{1}$ $\square_{1}$ $\square_{1}$
1 $\square_{1}$
c) establishing teachers' starting salaries? $\qquad$
$\square$ 1 $\square_{1}$ $\square_{1}$

d) determining teachers' salary increases? $\qquad$


e) formulating the school budget? $\qquad$

f) deciding on budget allocations within the school? $\qquad$

g) establishing student disciplinary policies?
$\square_{1}$









h) establishing student assessment policies?





i) approving sturdents for admittance to the schogl?




j) choosing which




k determining course content? $\qquad$






1) deciding which courses are offered? .... $\square_{1}$${ }_{1}$$\square_{1}$
$\square$

## 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.)

## Area of influence:



## Q28 What type of school is your institution?

a) Non-sectarian (no religious affiliation) $\qquad$
$\qquad$
b) Sectarian/separate (with religious affiliation, for example Anglican, Catholic, Mennonite, etc.) $\qquad$

## 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 trimesterect and quartered programs.
a) Yes

b) No $\qquad$
$\square$

## 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)?

$\qquad$ \%
or

No such programs available


## Q30b How are students selected to participate in this

 program?(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)
a) Open to anyone who applies $\square$
b) On a first come, firstserve basis or by random selection $\qquad$
$\square$
c) Staff reconmend or select individuals $\qquad$
$\square$
d) According to year of study $\square$
e) According to identification of higher dropout risk. $\qquad$
$\square$
f) According to marks and grades $\qquad$ $\square$
g) By acceptable attendance records $\qquad$ $\square$,
h) Participation is mandatory $\qquad$ $\square$ s
i) By a school interview $\qquad$ $\square$,

## 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
a) French language immersion program
 $\square_{2}$
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. $\qquad$

f) Program targeting sports $\qquad$
g) Trade (vocational program $\qquad$
$\square$

b) grogram for special needs (for example, special education or program for students with earning difficulties $\qquad$
$\square$$\square_{2}$
i) Program targeting gifted students (for example, enriched program) $\qquad$
j) Alternative program (for example, programs flexible enough to accommodate students returning to school, pregnant teens, adults etc.) $\qquad$
$\square$ $\square_{2}$
k) Other program, please specify: $\qquad$

Q32 At this school, is unpaid community service (volunteer work) mandatory for graduation?
a) Yes $\qquad$
$\square$
b) No $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$

Q33a Does your school have an ongoing partnership with a business or company?
a) Yes $\qquad$ $\square_{1}$ $\rightarrow$ GQ to QUESTION 33b


## 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.) $\qquad$ $\square$,
b) Technology (or computers) $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$
c) Work experience opportunities for students
d) Curriculum input
e) Information on career opportunities

f) Funding $\qquad$
$\square$
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.
a) University $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%
b) College, CEGEP or other post-secondary $\qquad$ \%
c) Other (for example, work or travel) $\qquad$
$\qquad$ \%
$\qquad$

or
d) Destination of graduates is not known $100 \%$
Total for $a, b$ and $c$ must equal

Yes No
have programs or practices in place to help at risk
students stay in school? $\qquad$

$\square$
b) have programs or practices in place to encourage
students who have dropped out to return to school? $\qquad$
$\square$

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

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)


## 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:

## First name

 Last namePerson completing this questionnaire is:
Principal
$\square_{2}$ Principal's designate

Telephone number:

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Extension:
$\qquad$

E-mail:


Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

