

Student Survey 2021 Grades 7 - 12 Students

2021 YRDSB Student Survey

Thank you for completing this survey. Student voice is important to us. The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback from students about their experiences of learning during this school year (in-person and virtual). This feedback will be used to inform programs and strategies that help to ensure safe, inclusive, and respectful school environments that support student achievement and well-being.

Survey questions ask about topics related to: remote learning; learning technology and tools; student engagement; safety, discrimination and bullying; mental health and well-being; and equity and inclusive learning environments. We also ask questions about students' identities (e.g., race and gender) in order to understand how learning experiences may differ among groups of students, and to promote a safe and inclusive school climate for all students.

The survey is **anonymous** and **confidential** so no one will know your individual responses to the questions. The survey is **voluntary** and **you may skip any questions that you do not want to answer. Please do not write your name on this survey.** The information you share will only be accessible by staff in YRDSB's Research and Assessment Services Department.

The third party data collection tool we use will also have access to responses until Research and Assessment Services' removes them after the surveys are closed. Storage and retention of data will follow <u>Board Policy and Procedure #160.0 Records and Information Management.</u>

When you are answering the questions, please think about your experiences at this school during **this** school year. This survey will take about **15 to 20 minutes** to complete. Please complete the questionnaire by **June 18, 2021.** Survey results will be shared with schools, board departments, and the public in the form of a summary report and will be available in the late Fall through your school principal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawn Bredin, Superintendent, Research, Assessment and Evaluation Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca, (905) 727-0022 ext. 4355 or 300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8E2

Data Collection Notification

This information is collected for educational purposes only under the authority of the Anti-Racism Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 15, and section 169.1 (1)(2.1) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2 (as amended). The information will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O 1990, c. M. 56 (as amended).

When the word "school" appears in a question this refers to all learning spaces including virtual learning and in-school environments.

Part A: General Questions

1.	Which school model have you mostly attended this school year?
	 Elementary Face-to-Face Learning Model (F2F) Elementary Virtual School (EVS, online learning) Elementary Community Class Blended Model (Partially Integrated Special Education Classroom) Secondary Adaptive Model Secondary Virtual School (SVS, online learning)
2.	Which school did you mostly attend this year? (If you switched schools or school models since September, please indicate the school you attended most of the school year). A list of schools will be provided in a dropdown menu
	 Elementary Virtual School (EVS, online learning) Secondary Virtual School (SVS, online learning) Elementary Community Class Blended model (Partially Integrated Special Education Classroom) Adrienne Clarkson Public School Aldergrove Public School Etc.
3.	What grade are you currently enrolled in? Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9 Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12 12+ in a community class (e.g., more than 4 years in a community class) 12+ not in a community class (e.g., completing additional years of secondary school)
⊃;	rt B: Remote Learning, Technology, and Learning Tools
1.	Have you had reliable internet at home this school year (e.g., it does not freeze, lag, or disconnect and you do not experience power outages)?
	 Yes, I have internet and it is always reliable Yes, I have internet and it is mostly reliable Yes, I have internet but it is not reliable No, I have not had internet at home
2.	Do you have access to an electronic device (e.g., a computer, laptop, Chromebook, Assistive Technology, electronic refreshable braille device, hearing receiver) to complete your schoolwork?

 ☐ Yes - I use a device that I be ☐ Sometimes - I share a device ☐ No - I do not have a device 	ce owned by my ce with my fami	y family ly borrowed fro	om my school	
e.g., a computer, laptop, Chi	romebook, As	sistive Tech		
 Very comfortable Comfortable Not comfortable Not sure 				
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 Very comfortable Comfortable Not comfortable Not sure 				
t C: Engagement and Le	arning			
verall, during this school ye	ar, how do yo	ou feel about	the amount	of:
Overall, during this school ye	ar, how do yo The amount is too much	ou feel about The amount is just right	the amount The amount is too little	of: Not sure
Options Schoolwork in your classes?	The amount	The amount	The amount	
Options	The amount is too much	The amount is just right	The amount is too little	Not sure
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4.	At this school, I have opportuni	ties to:							
	Options	Strong		Agre	e Dis	agree	Strong		Not sure
a.	Set goals for my learning and follow through on those goals.	′ 🗆							
b.	Assess my own learning.								
C.	Show what I have learned in a variety of ways.								
	Learn from my mistakes.								
e.	Give and receive feedback on my schoolwork from my peers.								
f.	Share my thoughts about how I lear best.	n 🗆							
g.	Use feedback to improve my work.								
6.	questions and get support). All the time Often Sometimes Never Not sure Think about the tasks and assignments you had to complete online this year								
	and select the option that best	Strongly agree	,	Agre	e Dis	sagre	e Stror	0,	Not sure
a.	Having instructions and timelines online supported me.								
b.	I had the materials I needed to complete my assignments.								
C.	I was given clear information about how my assignments would be evaluated.							l	
d.	I was able to get help from my teacher(s) and other staff to complete assignments.							1	
7.	Think about your learning from applies to you:	home th	is y	ear a	and se	lect t	he opti	on th	nat best
	Options	Strongly agree	Ag	ree	Disagr		Strongly isagree	No	ot sure
a.	I was able to focus and concentrate on my school work.		[_					
	There was someone at home to								

Options	Stron		Agre	e Disa	gree	Stron		lot sure
c. I was able to manage my time to complete assignments.				[
d. I was able to stay motivated in m classes.	ıy 🗆			[
e. I shared ideas and answered questions during class discussions.				[
f. Overall, online learning worked for me.				[
8. The thing about online learning.9. The thing about online learning.	•							
10. Here's what I would sugges	st to imp	orov	e onli	ne lea	rning	in the	e future	
Part D: Mental Health and \	Vell-Be	eing)					
1. In general, during this schoo	l year, h	าดพ	often	did yo	u fee	el:		
Options	All the ti			-			Never	Not sure
а. Нарру								
b. Nervous or anxious								
c. Positive about the future								
d. Lonely								
e. Good about yourself								
f. Sad or depressed								
g. Like you matter to people at school								
h. Socially isolated								
i. Angry								
 j. Like you are running out of time so that you are not be able to do anything fun 								
k. Like you are pushed to do too much								
Please think about your experience following statements:	eriences	s thi	s sch	ool yea	ar wh	en res	spondir	ng to the
Options			ongly ree	Agree	Disa	(1122	Strongly disagree	Not sure
 a. Adults at my school care about n well-being. 	ny	[<u> </u>			ם ב		
b. There is at least one caring adult school who supports me.	at my	[]		
c. If I needed support(s) related to health, I would know how to get		[ם		

Part E: Safety, Discrimination and Bullying

Feeling safe means feeling comfortable, relaxed, having identities valued, and not worried that someone could harm your body, hurt your feelings, or damage your belongings.

1.	l feel	safe at this school.
		Strongly agree
		Agree
		Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

□ Not sure

Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour that causes (or should be known to cause) fear and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance. **Cyberbullying** involves the use of electronic devices or the Internet to threaten, embarrass, socially exclude, and harass. Cyberbullying can occur through texting, email, chats, websites, instant messaging, cell phones and through the use of pictures/video clips.

Racism is when people are treated negatively based on their race. Racial jokes and slurs or hate crimes are examples.

Discrimination is being treated negatively because of your gender identity, racial background, ethnic origin, religion or spirituality, socio-economic background, special education needs, sexual orientation, or other factors.

Harassment is engaging in ongoing provoking comments or actions which are known to (or should be known to) be unwelcome and unwanted.

2. Since the start of this school year, how often have you experienced:

Options	All the time	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not sure
a. Bullying .						
b. Cyberbullying .						
c. Racism.						
d. Discrimination.						
e. Harassment.						

3. I know how to report:

	Options	Yes	No	Not sure
a. If bul	lying happens at my school.			
b. If cyb	perbullying happens at my school.			
c. If rac	ism happens at my school.			
d. If disc	crimination happens at my school.			
e. If har	assment happens at my school.			

4. I am satisfied with the steps this school has taken to:

Options	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure		
a. prevent bullying among students.							
 address incidents of bullying among students. 							
c. prevent racism and discrimination.							
d. address incidents of racism and discrimination							
5. There is an adult at this school I w	ould feel	comfor	table spe	aking to:			
Options	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure		
a. If I or someone else was bullied.							
 b. If I or someone else was being harassed. 							
c. If I or someone else was experiencing discrimination.							
d. If I or someone else was experiencing racism.							
e. If I or someone else was feeling unsafe.							
 If I or someone else was feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or overwhelmed. 							
 6. I am learning about appropriate online behaviour at my school (e.g., appropriate use of social media, cyberbullying/harassment awareness). Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree Not sure 							
Part F: Equity and Inclusive Lear	ning En	vironn	nents				
1. Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:							
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•	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure		
following statements:		Agree	Disagree	0,	Not sure		
following statements: Options a. My school is a welcoming place. b. I feel like I belong at this school.	agree			disagree			
following statements: Options a. My school is a welcoming place.	agree			disagree			

2. At my school, my social identities (e.g., my race, my gender, my culture, my exceptionality) are reflected positively in:

d. School rules are applied to me in a fair

way.

	Options	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not sure
a.	Class lessons and discussions					
b.	Learning materials (e.g., textbooks, books, videos, apps)					
C.	School work (e.g., assignments, projects, presentations)					

Social justice refers to equal treatment and equal opportunities for all people without discrimination.

3. At my school, I am encouraged to think or learn about human rights/**social justice** issues related to:

	Options	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
a. Indi	genous peoples of Canada					
b. Ger	nder identity					
c. Rac	ce					
d. Ethi	nicity and culture					
e. Pov	rerty					
f. Pec	pple with disabilities					

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1.	Please indicate the barriers that well-being at school (please se	, ,		ay of you	ur learning	and
	 □ I do not feel there are barried being at school. □ Anti-Indigenous racism □ Ableism (special education) □ Anti-Asian racism □ Anti-Black racism □ Antisemitism (anti-Jewish racism) □ Classism (poverty) □ Homophobia □ Islamophobia (anti-Muslim racism) □ Sexism □ Transphobia 	needs or dis acism) racism)	Í	of my lea	arning and	well-
	Another reason (please exp	nanı)				

Part G: About Me

Race is a social construct that groups people on the basis of perceived common ancestry and characteristics and affects how some people are perceived and treated. Race is often confused with ethnicity (a group of people who share a particular cultural heritage or background); there may be several ethnic groups within a racialized group.

In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background. For example, some people are considered "White" or "Black" or "East Asian" or "Southeast Asian", etc.

1.	W	hich race category best describes you? (Please select all that apply)
		Black (e.g., African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent) East Asian (e.g., Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent) Indigenous to Canada (e.g., First Nations, Métis, Inuit) Latino/Latina/Latinx (e.g., Mexican, Peruvian, Colombian, Ecuadorian) Middle Eastern (e.g., Arab, Persian/Iranian, Afghan, Egyptian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish) South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean) Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, Malaysian) White (e.g., British, Italian, German, Russian, French) A race or racial background not listed above: Not sure I do not understand the question I prefer not to answer
2.	lf y	you are Indigenous to Canada, please select all that apply to you:
		First Nation Métis Inuit Not applicable – I am not Indigenous to Canada I prefer not to answer er identity is a person's internal and deeply felt sense of being a man, a woman, both,
		r, or having another identity on the gender spectrum. A person's gender identity may be ent from the sex assigned at birth (e.g., female or male).
3.	W	hat is your gender identity ?
		Woman/Girl Man/Boy Gender Fluid (Refers to a person whose gender identity or expression changes or shifts along the gender spectrum Gender Nonconforming (Not being in line with the cultural associations made in a given society about a person's sex assigned at birth) Non-Binary (Refers to a person whose gender identity does not align with the binary concept of gender such as man or woman) Questioning (Refers to a person who is unsure about their own gender identity)
		Transgender (Refers to a person whose gender identity differs from the one associated with their birth-assigned sex)
		Two-Spirit (An Indigenous person whose gender identity, spiritual identity, or sexual orientation includes masculine, feminine, or non-binary spirits) A gender identity not listed above (please specify):

		Not sure I do not understand this question I prefer not to answer		
Se	Sexual orientation covers the range of human sexuality and is different from gender identity.			
4.	4. What is your *sexual orientation? (Please select all that apply)			
		Asexual (A person who does not experience sexual attraction) Bisexual (A person who experiences attraction to both male-identified and female people)		
		Gay (A person who experiences attraction to people of the same sex or gender. Gay can include both male-identified and female-identified individuals, or refer to male-identified individuals only)		
		Lesbian (A female-identified person who experiences attraction to female-identified individuals)		
		Pansexual (A person who experiences attraction to people of diverse sexes and/or genders)		
		Queer (A term used by some in the LGBTQ communities, particularly youth, as a symbol of pride and affirmation associated with sex, gender or attraction. It can be used by a community to encompass a broad spectrum of identities related to sex, gender, or attraction, or by an individual to reflect the interrelatedness of these aspects of their identity)		
		Questioning (Refers to a person who is unsure about their own sexual orientation) Straight/Heterosexual (A person who is attracted to someone of the opposite sex) Two-Spirit (An Indigenous person whose gender identity, spiritual identity or sexual orientation includes masculine, feminine, or non-binary spirits) A sexual orientation not listed above (please specify):		
		Not sure I do not understand this question I prefer not to answer		
5.	a)	Were you born in Canada?		
		Yes (Skip to Question 6) No I prefer not to answer		
5.	b)	If you were <i>not</i> born in Canada, how long have you lived in Canada?		
		Less than 1 year 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years 6 years 7 years 8 years 9 or more years Not sure		
		I prefer not to answer		

6.	Are you learning English as a second or additional language (i.e., English Language Learner)?		
	 □ Yes □ No □ Not sure □ I prefer not to answer 		
7.	If you received support for English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Literacy Development (ELD), to what extent did it help you with your learning?		
	 Not at all helpful Slightly helpful Somewhat helpful Quite helpful Extremely helpful Not sure Not applicable – I did not receive support for ESL or ELD 		
8.	If you are receiving special education programming this year (e.g., accommodations, IEP), does it support your strengths, needs, and interests?		
	 Yes No Not sure Not applicable – I am not receiving special education programming I prefer not to answer 		

Thank you for your participation!