



2024 Valuing Voices - Identity Matters Student Survey

April 11-26, 2024

The 2024 Valuing Voices - Identity Matters Student Survey collects information about our student population and their experiences at school.

Your participation matters.

The data will be used to improve school safety and better support student learning and well-being.

Who can complete the survey?

- Parents/caregivers of students in Kindergarten through grade 6 can complete one survey per child.
- Students in grades 7-12 can complete the survey during class time at school.
- Surveys will be available in multiple languages.
- Participation is voluntary and confidential.

What kind of information are you collecting?

The survey will have two parts:

- Demographic information: Including questions about language, Indigenous identity, ethnicity, race, faith/creed, gender, sexual orientation, and ability.
- School climate: Including questions about feelings of safety, engagement and well-being.

Why are you collecting this information?

We want to better understand OCDSB students and support their learning, safety and well-being.

Identity matters. A student's identity can affect their experiences at school and whether they feel safe, welcome and valued for who they are.

Collecting this information will allow us to better design programs and supports to address issues including bullying, mental health and student achievement.



Is the survey confidential?

Yes. The data collected will be completely confidential. Each survey is assigned a unique ID to separate the names of individuals from the data. All reporting will be done at the group level. Individual responses will not be shared with your principal, teacher or school staff.

Is participation in the survey voluntary?

Yes. The Student Survey is voluntary and confidential. Participation is optional. You can answer some, all, or none of the questions. What you share is up to you.

How do I provide consent?

- Students in K-6: Parents/caregivers provide consent when they complete the survey. If you do not want to participate, do not complete the survey.
- Students in grades 7-12: Parents will be sent a form to notify the school if they do not want their child to participate in the survey process.

What you can expect:

- All parents/caregivers will be sent an email with more information about the survey after March Break.
- On April 11, 2024, parents/caregivers of students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will receive an email with a link to the survey (one per child). Students in grades 7 to 12 will complete the survey during class time.
- The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.
- The survey can be completed between April 11th and April 26th.
- Preliminary results will be available in late 2024.

How can I learn more?

Visit our website for detailed information:

ocdsb.ca/studentsurvey



Questions?

Contact: **valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca**

