



Thank you for agreeing to complete this survey! As part of our ongoing efforts to create and maintain safe, inclusive and accepting schools, the OCDSB undertakes a School Climate Survey every two years to gather input from students. The purpose of this survey is to collect information about how students are feeling about their school and learning experiences. This survey will ask questions about issues including safety, relationships with others, sense of belonging, and well-being. Input provided helps make schools a place where all students, staff, and community members feel safe, welcomed, respected and valued. The results of this survey will be used to guide school improvement planning, reduce inequities in student experiences and outcomes, and give students a voice so they are able to share their ideas, thoughts or concerns about their school.

Before completing the survey it is important to know:

1. This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. We want to know what you think and how you feel. Please answer each question honestly and the best you can

2. It is your choice to fill out the survey. You can choose not to fill out the survey, and you don't have to answer any questions you don't want to.

3. All of your answers will be anonymous (private) and will not be shared with anyone. We will not ask for your name so we cannot identify you.

Thank you for your time!

What grade are you in?

- O Grade 4
- Grade 5
- O Grade 6
- Grade 7
- Grade 8
- Grade 9
- O Grade 10
- Grade 11
- Grade 12

Are you new to the school this year?

- O No
- O Yes

Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself? Select all that apply.

Male

Female

Self-identify in another way

Prefer not to answer

Sense of Belonging and Social Connectedness:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I feel like I belong at this school.	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0	0
I feel accepted by other students.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		0
I feel respected at school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I feel like I am part of the school community.	0	0	6	0	0
I feel excluded (left out) at school.	0	0	0		\bigcirc
l feel lonely at school.	\bigcirc	0		\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Sense of Belonging and Social Connectedness:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I have close friends at school that I can trust.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
l get along with others at school.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
I have friends at school that care about me.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I am able to make friends easily.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
At my school, students are kind to each other.	0	0	0		\bigcirc
At my school, students treat me with respect.	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc

Positive Relationships with Adults at School:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I feel accepted by staff and adults at my school.	0	0	0	0	0
Teachers and other adults who work at my school care about the students.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
Teachers and other adults who work at my school treat all students with respect.	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0
Teachers and other adults at my school get along well with students.	\bigcirc	0	0	0	\bigcirc
Teachers and other adults who work at my school listen to what students have to say.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I have at least one school adult to turn to for help, advice, or support.		0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc

Positive Relationships with Adults at School:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Teachers at my school pay attention to the needs, abilities, and interests of students.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
It is easy to talk with teachers at my school.	0	\bigcirc	9	0	0
My teachers make me feel good about myself.	0	0	0		\bigcirc
I am comfortable asking my teachers for help with my schoolwork.	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
My teachers are available when I need them.	R	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel that I get the support I need at school to learn to the best of my ability.	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc

Intellectual Engagement:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
l like school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I like the challenges of learning new things in school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
I am confident in my ability to manage my school work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I work hard at school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I feel I have made the most of my school experiences so far. (7 to 12 students only)	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0
I feel my school experience is preparing me well for post- secondary education. (7 to 12 students only)	0	0	0	0	0
I have enjoyed my school experience so far. (7 to 12 students only)		0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Extracurricular Involvement:

How often do you...



Social Opportunities:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There are lots of opportunities for students at this school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.		0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel included in school activities.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Sources of Support Outside of School:

These next few questions ask about sources of support at home and in in your community. This could include parents, guardians, siblings, friends, or other community or family members.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I have someone at home who helps me with my schoolwork.	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0
I have someone at home who encourages me to work hard at school.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
There is at least one adult outside school who supports me.	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
I know someone outside school that I could go to for help if I needed it.	0		0	0	0

School Environment:

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
l enjoy being at school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc
My school is a friendly and welcoming place.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
My school is an inviting and comfortable place to learn.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0

School Discipline:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The school rules are fair.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
School rules are applied equally (or fairly) to all students.	C	0	0	0	\bigcirc
The consequences for breaking rules are fair.		0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

Learning Environment:

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is usually easy to concentrate in class.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
The rules for classroom behaviour are clear.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
Our teachers maintain control of the class.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0		0
Our teachers praise us when we have done well.	\bigcirc	0	6	0	0
My teachers give me individual attention when I need it.	0	0	0	0	0
The things I am learning in school are important to me.	0	0	0	0	0
I have lots of chances to participate in class.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
I have the same opportunities for a quality education as other students.		0	0	0	0
Our teachers encourage students to do their best.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Our teachers expect us to work hard.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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There is at least one teacher or other adult at this school who really wants me to do well.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0

Representation:

Your **identity** refers to who you are, or what makes you unique. Your identity can include things like your gender, race, ethnicity, language, religion, disability, sexual orientation, etc.

At my school, I feel people like myself/my identity is reflected positively in:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not sure
Pictures, posters, and displays in school	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0	0
Learning materials teachers use in class (e.g., books, videos/films)	0	0	0		0	0
Lessons or curriculum content	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Extra-curricular activities (e.g., sports, clubs, art activities)	0	0		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
School events/activities (e.g., extracurricular activities, cultural celebrations, religious/faith/ethnic activities)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Educators (e.g., teachers, EAs, vice-principal(s), principal)	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Identity:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not sure
I feel like my identity is welcomed at school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have opportunities to express my identity.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I have opportunities to learn about my own background and identity.	0	\bigcirc	0		0	0
I have opportunities to learn about the background and identity of others.	0	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc

Safety:

How safe do you feel at school? "Feeling safe" means feeling comfortable, relaxed, and not worrying that someone will harm your body, hurt your feelings, or damage your belongings.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applicable
I feel safe at school.	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I feel safe going to and from school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0		0
l feel safe in the classroom.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0		0	\bigcirc
I feel safe in other parts of the school (e.g., gym, cafeteria, washroom, hallways, change rooms).	0	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
I feel safe outside on school property (e.g., schoolyard, school parking lot).	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
l feel safe on the school bus.	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Bullying:

Bullying is when a person tries to hurt another person on purpose, and does it more than once. It can be physical, verbal, or social, and can also take place online with emails or text messages. The person who does the bullying is usually in a position of real or perceived power (e.g., greater in strength or popularity). Sometimes a group of students will bully others. Bullying is NOT when students of the same strength or popularity get in a fight or argument.

In the past 4 weeks, how often have you experienced the following:

	Never	Less than once a month	Once or twice a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Every day	Prefer not to answer
l have been physically bullied (e.g., repeatedly hit, kicked, pushed or shoved, belongings taken or broken) or threatened with physical bullying.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have been verbally bullied (e.g., repeatedly teased, called names, made fun of, put down, insulted, or threatened).		0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
I have been socially bullied (e.g., repeatedly ignored, excluded on purpose, had rumours spread about you, or had	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0

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others try to embarrass you or make you look bad).						
I have been cyberbullied (e.g., teased, called names, threatened, or put down by pictures, text messages, emails or social media).	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0 0	0

Bullying (Witness):

In the past 4 weeks, have you seen or heard about a student being bullied?

O No

🔾 Yes

Sexual Harassment (for students in Grades 7 to 12 only):

Sexual harassment involves touching someone in a sexual way, spreading sexual rumours about someone, making sexual comments or jokes about someone's body, or directing unwanted sexual attention or advances toward someone.

In the past 4 weeks, have you felt that you were sexually harassed at school?

O No O Yes

Help Seeking:

What would you do if you were being bullied/harassed, or if you saw another student being bullied/harassed? Select all that apply.

would not know what to do or who to talk to.

I would do nothing or ignore it.

would stand up and do something to stop it myself.

I would get someone to help stop it.

I would tell my teacher(s), principal, vice-principal(s), or another adult at school about it.

I would tell my parent(s), guardian(s), or another adult outside of school about it.

Stereotyping, Prejudice, Discrimination:

O No

Stereotyping is when someone assumes that a group of people who share some characteristics also share certain qualities (e.g., when someone assumes something about you because of one part of your identity). **Prejudice** is when someone has a belief (usually negative) about a person or group based on a stereotype. **Discrimination** is when someone acts on their prejudiced beliefs. Discrimination is unfair treatment of one particular person or group of people. Usually the different treatment is because of the person's sex, religion, nationality, ethnicity (culture), race, or other personal traits. Discrimination based on race is called racism.

all that apply.

Have you experienced stereotyping, prejudice, or discrimination at school this year?

○ Yes
O Not sure
O Prefer not to answer
If you answered yes, was it because of any of the following reasons? Select
Appearance
Clothing
Disability
Ethnic background
Family income
Family structure
First language
Gender identity
Grades or achievement level
Indigenous identity (e.g., First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
Race
Religion or faith
Sexual orientation * for 7 to 12 students only
Another reason not listed

General Well-Being:

Please indicate for each of the five statements which is closest to how you have been feeling over the last TWO weeks:

	At no time	Some of the time	Less than half of the time	More than half of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
I have felt cheerful and in good spirits.	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have felt calm and relaxed.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0		0
I have felt active and energetic.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0		0	\bigcirc
I have woken up feeling fresh and rested.	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc
My daily life has been filled with things that interest me.	0	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc

Coping and Social Emotional Skills:

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I am able to handle unexpected challenges.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I am able to handle difficult problems.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
I know what things I am good and bad at (i.e., my strengths and weaknesses).	0	\bigcirc	0		0
I can describe how I am feeling most of the time.	0	0	0	0	0
I know what makes me feel good and bad.	\bigcirc	0	0	0	\bigcirc
l can control how I behave.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I think before I act.	0	0		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I can keep my thoughts and emotions under control.	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I am good at deciding right from wrong.	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
l make good decisions.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I think about the consequences of what I do.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I know how to behave in different social situations.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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I respect what others think.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
l try to understand how others think and feel.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I treat others with respect.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I am kind to others.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
l help others (who are sad, hurt, or lonely).	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

We want to know more about you. The answers you provide will be used to help us serve you and other students better. Please answer the following questions about you and your background.

Indigenous Identity:

Do you consider yourself to be an Indigenous person (First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit)?

🔘 No

O Yes

O Prefer not to answer

O Not sure

I do not understand this question

If you answered yes, which of the following do you identify as? Select all that apply.

First Nations

Métis

Inuit

LGBTQ2S+ Identity:

Do you identify as LGBTQ2S+ (i.e., lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans/transgender, two spirit, queer, questioning, plus all other identities within the LGBTQ2S+ community)?

🔾 No

) Yes

Prefer not to answer

O Not sure

I do not understand this question

Race:

People are often described as belonging to a certain "race" based on how others see and behave toward them. These ideas about who belongs to what race are usually based on physical features such as skin colour. Ideas about race are often imposed on people by others in ways which can affect their life experiences and how they are treated. Race is often confused with ethnicity, but there can often be several ethnicities within a racialized group. In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background.

What racial group(s) best describe(s) you? Select all that apply.

Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)
East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent)
Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit descent)
Latino/Latina/Latinx (Latin American, Hispanic descent)
Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g., Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)
South Asian (South Asian descent, e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)
Southeast Asian (Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent)
White (European descent)
A racial group(s) not listed
Prefer not to answer
Not sure
do not understand the question

Disability:

Some people identify as having a disability because of a permanent or long-term health condition that makes it difficult for them to function in an environment that is not fully inclusive and accessible. A person's disability may be diagnosed or not diagnosed. It may be hidden or visible. Some students who have disabilities may have a special plan at school to help them (an Individual Education Plan or IEP), but some do not.

Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability or disabilities?

- O No
- 🔾 Yes
- Prefer not to answer
- O Not sure
- I do not understand this question
- If you answered yes, please select all that apply to you:

Addiction(s)

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Blind or low vision
- Chronic pain

Deaf or hard of hearing

Developmental disability(ies)

Learning disability(ies)

Mental health disability(ies)

Mobility

Physical disability(ies)

Speech impairment

A disability not listed above

Religion:

What is your religion, creed and/or spiritual affiliation? Select all that apply.

Agnostic Athiest Buddhist Christian Hindu Indigenous spirituality Jewish Muslim Sikh Spiritual, but not religious No religious or spiritual affiliation Religion(s) or spiritual affiliation(s) not listed above Prefer not to answer Not sure do not understand the question

Open-Ended Feedback:

In this last part of the survey, we want you to express your opinions in your own words. Your comments will not be identified as belonging to you, as long as you do not include your name or other identifying information.

Please tell us some of the things you really like about your school, and/or things that would make it even better.

Site-Specific Questions:

Added by schools, if applicable.