



2024 Valuing Voices Survey (Grades 7 to 12)

Dear Students:

Welcome to our 2024 Valuing Voices: Identity Matters Student Survey! The collection and reporting of identity-based data enables us to better understand how student identities affect experiences at school (such as sense of safety, feelings of belonging, mental health, and achievement).

Participating in the survey ensures your voice is heard and helps us better understand the diverse needs and experiences within your school community. With your help, we can make more informed decisions and implement changes to support the learning, safety and well-being of OCDSB students.

As a student in Grades 7 to 12 in the OCDSB, you are invited to complete this survey.

- The survey is voluntary. Participation is optional. You can answer some, all, or none of the questions. What you share is up to you.
- The survey is confidential. Your responses will be kept private and protected. Your name will not be collected.
- A unique survey ID will be used by research staff at the District to link identity data to other data sets (for example, achievement outcomes, participation rates in different programs/courses, suspension rates).
- Reporting will be based on groups and not at the individual student level in order to protect privacy and confidentiality. Individual responses will not be shared with your principal, teacher, or school staff.

If you have any questions or require accessibility support, please contact <u>valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca</u>.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This information is collected under the authority of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, Sections 169.1, 170 (1) and 171 (1), the Antiracism Act 2017, and in accordance with Section 29 (2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions or concerns about the collection, use or disclosure of personal information should be directed to the Freedom of Information Officer, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, 613-596-8211 ext.8310.

What is the first language(s) you learned to speak as a child? Select all that apply.

Please hold the "CTRL" key down on your keyboard to select multiple languages.

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Kirundi

Korean

Kurdish

Lao

Latvian

Lingala

Macedonian

Malayalam

Mandarin

Marathi

Mongolian

Nepali

Norwegian

Pashto

Persian (Farsi)

Polish

Portuguese

Punjabi

Romanian

Russian

Serbian

Serbo-Croatian

Sinhala

Slovak

Somali

Spanish

Swahili

Swedish

Tagalog

Tamil

Telugu
Thai
Turkish
Twi
Ukrainian
Urdu
Uzbek
Vietnamese
Yoruba
Another language not listed (please specify):
Not Sure

Do you identify yourself as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit? No



If YES, please select all that apply.



You may provide additional information about the nation, region, or community to which you belong:

Do you consider yourself a Canadian?

◯ Yes

🔿 No

O Not sure

Ethnic groups have a common identity, heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable cultural, linguistic and/or religious characteristics.

What is your ethnic or cultural origin(s)? Select all that apply.

Please hold the "CTRL" key down on your keyboard to select multiple ethnicities.

Acadian Afghan Afrikaner Akan Albanian Algerian Alsatian American Amhara Angolan Anishinaabe Antiguan Arab Arawak Argentinian Armenian Ashanti Assyrian Australian

Austrian

Azerbaijani

Bahamian

Bangladeshi

Bantu

Barbadian

Basque

Bavarian

Belgian

Belizean

Bengali

Beninese

Berber

Bermudan

Bhutanese

Bolivian

Bosnian

Brazilian

Breton

Bulgarian

Burkinabe

Burmese

Burundian

Byelorussian

Cambodian

Cameroonian

Canadian

Carib

Caribbean origins

Catalan

Chadian

Channel Islander

Chilean

Chinese

Colombian

Congolese

Coptic

Cornish

Corsican

Costa Rican

Cree

Croatian

Cuban

Cypriot

Czech

Czechoslovakian

Danish

Dinka

Djiboutian

Dominican

Dutch

East Indian

Ecuadorian

Edo

Egyptian

English

Eritrean

Estonian

Ethiopian

Ewe

Fijian

Filipino

Finnish

First Nation

Flemish

French

Frisian

Gabonese

Gambian

Georgian

German

Ghanaian

Goan

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Guadeloupean

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Guinean

Gujarati

Guyanese

Haitian

Harari

Hawaiian

Hazara

Hispanic

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Hungarian

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Icelandic

Indonesian

Inuit

Iranian

Iraqi

Irish

Israeli

Italian

Ivorian

Jamaican

Japanese

Jewish

Jordanian

Karen

Kashmiri

Kazakh

Kenyan

Kittitian/Nevisian

Korean

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Kuwaiti

Kyrgyz

Laotian

Latvian

Lebanese

Liberian

Libyan

Lithuanian

Luxembourger

Macedonian

Malagasy

Malaysian

Malian

Malinké

Maltese

Manx

Maori

Martinican

Maure

Mauritian

Maya

Métis

Mexican

Mi'kmaq

Moldovan

Mongolian

Montenegrin

Montserratan

Moroccan

Nepali

New Brunswicker

New Zealander

Newfoundlander

Nicaraguan

Nigerian

Norwegian

Nova Scotian

Ojibwé

Ontarian

Oromo

Pacific Islands origins

Pakistani

Palestinian

Panamanian

Paraguayan

Pashtun

Peruvian

Peulh

Polish

Polynesian

Portuguese

Puerto Rican

Punjabi

Québécois

Roma

Romanian

Russian

Rwandan

Salvadorean

Samoan

Saudi Arabian

Scottish

Senegalese

Serbian

Seychellois

Sicilian

Sierra Leonean

Singaporean

Sinhalese

Slavic

Slovak

Slovenian

Somali

South African

Spanish

Sri Lankan

St. Lucian

Sudanese

Swedish

Swiss

Syrian

Taiwanese

Tajik

Tamil

Tanzanian

Tatar

Thai

Tibetan

Tigrian

Togolese

Trinidadian/Tobagonian

Tunisian

Turk

Turkmen

Ugandan

Uighur

Ukrainian

Uruguayan

Uzbek

Venezuelan

Vietnamese

Vincentian/Grenadian

Welsh

West Indian

Wolof

Yemeni

Yoruba

Yugoslavian

Zambian

Zimbabwean

Zulu
Another ethnicity not listed above

Please identify your ethnic or cultural origin(s) not previously listed:

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. Which racial group(s) best describes you? Select all that apply.

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	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)
lranian, Le	Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, such as Afghan, Egyptian, ebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)
Sri Lankar	South Asian (South Asian descent, such as East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, n, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)
Southeast	Southeast Asian (Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Asian descent)
	White (European descent)
	A racial group(s) not listed above (please specify below):

People can be treated differently based on their religion, or perceived religion, which can lead to negative impacts and unequal outcomes. Islamophobia and antisemitism are examples of the way religion can be racialized. People can experience racism not only based on skin colour but also other perceived characteristics that are associated with religion.

Agnostic
Atheist
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 (please specify below):
Not sure
I do not understand this question

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

Gender identity refers to a person's internal sense or feeling of being a woman, a man, both, neither or anywhere on the gender spectrum, which may or may not be the same as the person's sex assigned at birth (for example, male, female, intersex) It is different from and does not determine a person's sexual orientation.

What is y	vour c	aender	identity?	Select	all	that	apr	olv	1.
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Boy or man
Gender Fluid
Gender Non-conforming
Girl or woman
Non-Binary
Questioning
Trans boy or man
Trans girl or woman
Two-Spirit
Gender identity(ies) not listed above (please specify below)
Not sure
I do not understand this question
I prefer not to answer

Sexual orientation refers to a person's sense of sexual attraction to the people of the same or different sex.

What is your sexual orientation? Select all that apply.

Straight / heterosexual
Lesbian
Gay
Bisexual
Two-Spirit
Queer
Questioning
Asexual
Pansexual
A sexual orientation(s) not listed above (please specify):
Not sure
I do not understand this question
I prefer not to answer

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(ies)?

YesNoNot sure

 \bigcirc I do not understand this question

O I prefer not to answer

If YES, please select all that apply:

Addiction(s)
Autism Spectrum Disorder
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
Any disability not listed above (please specify below):

Were you born in Canada?

◯ Yes

O No

If NO, are you currently:

- a Canadian citizen
- a member of an Indigenous community (for example, First Nations, Inuit, Métis)
- an international student (enrolled through a study permit)
- a landed immigrant/permanent resident
- a refugee claimant
- a conventional refugee
- \bigcirc a member of a diplomatic family
- O Not sure
- \bigcirc I do not understand this question

Sense of Belonging and Social Connectedness

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I feel like I belong at this school.	0	\bigcirc	0	0	0
I feel accepted by other students.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel like I am part of the school community.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I have close friends at school that I can trust.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I have friends at school that care about me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
l am able to make friends easily.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
At my school, students are kind to me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
At my school, students treat me with respect.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

Student 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	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Teachers and other adults who work at my school care about me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Teachers and other adults who work at my school treat me with respect.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Teachers and other adults who work at my school listen to what I have to say.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
I have at least one school adult to turn to for help, advice, or support.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
I am treated fairly by teachers and other adults at school.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
Teachers at my school pay attention to my needs, abilities, and interests.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
I am comfortable asking my teachers for help with my schoolwork.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0
My teachers are available when I need them.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

Intellectual Engagement

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 like the challenges of learning new things in school.	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
I work hard at school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
School is important to me.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I am interested in my school work.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel my school experience is preparing me well for my next step in learning (for example, the next grade or post- secondary education).	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0

Extracurriculars

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There are lots of opportunities for me to get involved in school activities (school dances, sporting events, performances) and extracurriculars outside of class (clubs or organizations, musical groups, sports teams, student government).	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
I feel included in school activities and extracurriculars at school.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

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	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
My school is a friendly and welcoming place.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
My school is an inviting and comfortable place to learn.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

School Discipline

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

Instructional Environment

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My teachers give me individual attention when I need it.	\bigcirc	0	0	0	0
I have lots of chances to participate in class.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I have the same opportunities for a quality education as other students.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	0
My teachers encourage me to do my best.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
My teachers have high expectations for me to succeed.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
My teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching and student learning.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0

Representation

Identity can mean different things to different people, but simply identity refers to how we see ourselves in the world. Identities might be multiple and complex, and include things like our name, age, gender identity, culture or ethnicity, aspects of our physical appearance (for example, hair colour, skin colour, race), aspects of who we are on the inside (for example, religion, personality, interests, hobbies), and our experiences and relationships with others.

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	0	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
Learning materials teachers use in class (for example, books, videos/films)	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
Lessons or curriculum content	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Extra-curricular activities (for example, sports, clubs, art activities)	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
School events/activities (for example, cultural celebrations, religious/faith/ethnic activities)	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Educators (for example, teachers, EAs, ECEs, LSTs, vice-principal(s), principal, etc.)	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc

Identity

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

Feeling Safe at School

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
l feel safe at school.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
l feel safe going to and from school.	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
I feel safe in the classroom.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel safe in other parts of the school (for example, gym, cafeteria, washroom, hallways, change rooms).	0	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0
l feel safe outside on school property (for example, schoolyard, school parking lot).	0	0	0	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* (such as 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
I have been physically bullied (for example, 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 (for example, repeatedly teased, called names, made fun of, put down, insulted, or threatened).	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I have been socially bullied (for example, repeatedly ignored, excluded on purpose, had rumours spread about you, or had others try to embarrass you or make you look bad).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I have been cyberbullied (for example, teased, called names, threatened, or put down by pictures, text messages, emails or social media).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sexual Harassment

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

Stereotyping, Prejudice and/or Discrimination

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.

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

○ No

◯ Yes

O Not sure

O Prefer not to answer

If you answered yes, was it because of any of the following reasons? Select all that apply.

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
Another reason not listed

General Well-Being

In general, how would you describe your well-being (feeling good physically, mentally, emotionally)?

Excellent

◯ Very good

◯ Good

◯ Fair

O Poor

Mental Health Support

I am aware of mental health supports and services available to students in the OCDSB.

○ Strongly disagree

○ Disagree



O Agree

O Strongly agree

Social and 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
l can handle difficult problems.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I know what things I am good and bad at (my strengths and needs).	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I can control how I behave.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I think about the consequences of what I do.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I try to understand how others think and feel.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

In this last part of the survey, we welcome you to share any additional thoughts or comments. The other information you have shared will be kept private, but any thoughts you share below will be shared anonymously with your school principal. Your comments will not be identified as belonging to you, as long as you do not include your name or other identifying information.

Is there anything else you would like to share with your school principal?

Thank you for participation. We would like to reassure you that your responses will remain confidential.