

## The Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. It is the only source of province-wide information on your learning experiences. It is very helpful in providing data for districts and schools, the Ministry of Education and Child Care, Ministry of Health, and the Representative of Children and Youth to help improve the wellbeing of youth in B.C. and support school planning and programs.

We have worked hard with students like you, teachers, and others to improve the survey and make it more useful for students, teachers, and schools. We added questions that students suggested, and we are looking forward to finding out how we can improve your learning experiences.

This survey is **not a test!**

There are **no right or wrong answers.**

This survey is **voluntary.** You do not have to answer any of the questions.

It is important for you to know that your responses are **confidential (private)** under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, sections 26(c) and (e). The results will be used only in unidentifiable forms and will only be shared with people like teachers, principals, and others who are interested in improving education.

Please do not provide any specific names in your responses to the survey and/or any personally identifiable information about yourself. If any personal or identifying information is provided, it will be deleted before results are stored.

We encourage you to answer as many questions as you can because you will be helping to improve learning for all B.C. students.

Thank you!

If you have any questions about the collection of this personal information, please contact:

Director, Outreach, Analytics and Reporting, Ministry of Education and Child Care,  
Email: [EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EDUC.ReportingUnit@gov.bc.ca)

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**Quick review before you start:**

- I understand this survey does not count for school marks.
- I understand there are no right or wrong answers.
- I understand I can stop doing the survey at any time.
- I understand that my responses are protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Check **all** the boxes above to continue with the survey.

**Instructions about the Survey**

Make sure you **understand** the question and response options **before** you answer.

If you do not understand a question, please raise your hand, and **ask for help**.

**Here are practice questions.**

This question asks you how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

For example: I like to eat peas.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

This question asks you how often the statement applies to you.

For example: I read books for fun.

- Never
- Almost Never
- Sometimes
- Most of the Time
- All of the Time
- Don't know

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- Leave the question blank if it is not applicable or if you prefer not to answer.
- Please click the circle that matches your answer.
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**Let's start now! Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.**

**You may be wondering why we ask some of these questions. Not all students in British Columbia have access to the same learning experiences. We want to know what your experience is.**

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| 1. Are you of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Inuit, Metis)?   | Yes; No   |
| 2. Do you have opportunities to learn in places outside of school?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 3. At school, do you participate in activities outside of class hours (for example: clubs, dance, sports teams, or music)?                     | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 4. Can you describe any sports or other activities that you would like to do after school?   | Open-ended  |
| 5. At school, do you participate in any Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Metis) celebrations or activities?                                   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 6. At school, do you participate in any ongoing Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Metis) programs or activities?                               | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 7. Is school a place where you feel like you belong?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 8. At school, have you experienced discrimination on the basis of your sexual orientation or gender identity?                                  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 9. At your school, how many adults do you feel care about you (for example, teachers, counsellors, student helpers)?                           | None; 1 adult; 2 adults; 3 adults; 4 or more adults; Don't know               |
| 10. I would like to go to a different school.  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 11. What changes would you like to see happen in your school?  | Open-ended  |
| 12. Do adults in the school treat all students fairly?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 13. Do you feel welcome at your school?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 14. Do you like school?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 15. At school, are you able to get the information and advice that you need (for example, from teachers or counsellors)?                       | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 16. At school, I provide input into what I learn, and how I learn (for example, suggesting topics that interest me, and choosing my projects). | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
| 17. Do the adults at your school value and welcome your questions?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |

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| 18. My school provides enough materials and technology that I need for my learning. | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 19. What materials and technology are missing at your school?                       | Open-ended   |

Your answers to the next three questions will be **anonymous**. This means that your answers for these questions **will not be linked** to your name in any way or displayed on any reports with your name on it.

**Important definition:**

**What is a bully?** A bully is someone who usually has some advantage (stronger, more popular, or bigger), who wants to hurt the other person, and does so over and over again. There are a lot of different ways to bully someone. Bullying could be physical, verbal, or cyber (online).

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| 20. Have you ever felt bullied at school? | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know |
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**The next questions might make you feel uncomfortable, but it is important for us to know.** If you choose to answer them, please answer the questions honestly.

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| 21. Do you feel safe at school?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 22. I feel safe when I am going from home to school, or from school to home. | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |

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| 23. How many teachers help you with your schoolwork when you need it?   | None; 1 teacher; 2 teachers; 3 teachers; 4 or more teachers; Don't know                    |
| 24. At school, are you able to get extra help when needed?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 25. Is there any part of your education where you feel you need more support?   | Open-ended   |
| 26. At school, I have felt well supported when I moved to a higher grade (for example, by having course choices and timetables or calendars explained). | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 27. At school, rules and expectations for behaviour are clear (for example, school rules or codes of conduct).  | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |

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| 28. At school, are you being taught about Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Inuit, Metis) in Canada?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 29. At school, are you being taught about local First Nations?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 30. At school, are you being taught the local First Nations' language(s)?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 31. At school, are you learning about how human activity affects our environment?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 32. Is your school helping you to access, analyze, and evaluate media content?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 33. I plan my learning based on my goals.  | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 34. At school, do you get to work together on projects with your classmates?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 35. At school, are you provided with feedback on how you could improve your learning?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 36. At school, do you get to work on things you are interested in as part of your course work?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 37. At school, are you taught to take ownership or control of your learning (for example, marking your own work, making decisions about what you want to study)? | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 38. At school, how often are concepts explained in ways that you can understand?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 39. Do you collaborate well with others on group projects to achieve goals?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 40. Do you know what things are considered when your work is marked?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 41. As part of marking your work, are you shown examples of what excellent, good, fair, and poor work look like?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 42. At school, do lessons often begin with a review of what was done in the last lesson?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |

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| 43. Can you explain your thinking and describe to others how you solve problems?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 44. Are you taught to show your learning in different ways (for example, pictures, models, written work)?                                   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 45. At school, are you learning how to do things to care for the environment (recycling, waste reduction, water conservation)?              | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 46. Are you satisfied that school is preparing you for a job in the future?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 47. Are you satisfied that school is preparing you for post-secondary education?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 48. I am satisfied that in school I am learning basic life skills that I need for the future (finances, setting goals, independent living). | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 49. At school, are you learning creative ways to think of new ideas?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 50. At school, are you learning to be a critical thinker?   | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 51. I am satisfied that in school I am learning basic reasoning skills that I need for the future   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 52. At school, I am learning to communicate well.   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 53. I am satisfied that in school I am learning basic social skills that I need for the future (build relationships, support others).       | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 54. I am satisfied that in school I learn how to express emotion, and deal with emotional problems that I may face in the future.           | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |

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| 55. At school, I am learning how to care for my mental health (for example, anxiety or stress management, anger management, relationship skills). | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 56. At school, I am learning how to care for my physical health (for example, getting healthy food, exercise, and sleep).                         | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 57. When you make a decision to do something, do you stop to think about how it might affect other people?  | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 58. I continue to get better at math (apply formulas, interpret data, solve problems).  | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 59. I continue to get better at reading (understand main ideas, interpret information from text and other sources).                               | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 60. I continue to get better at writing (use correct grammar, organize and compose ideas, revise, and edit).                                      | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 61. I contribute in meaningful ways to my community.  | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 62. At school, I am learning how to resolve conflicts with others in peaceful ways.   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 63. At school, I am learning to understand and support human rights and diversity.  | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |
| 64. At school, do you respect people who are different from you (for example, think, act, or look different)?                                     | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know              |
| 65. I am satisfied with my ability to make new friends and meet people at school.   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know |

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| 66. Do you drink alcohol?  | Every day; Often;<br>Occasionally; Rarely; Never                                    |
| 67. Do you use tobacco or nicotine in any form (for example, smoking, chewing, vaping)?        | Every day; Often;<br>Occasionally; Rarely; Never                                    |
| 68. Does school make you feel stressed or anxious?   | Never; Almost Never;<br>Sometimes; Most of the Time;<br>All of the Time; Don't know |
| 69. What causes you to feel stress or anxiety at school?                                       | Open-ended  |
| 70. Do you feel good about yourself?   | Never; Almost Never;<br>Sometimes; Most of the Time;<br>All of the Time; Don't know |
| 71. This school year, how often have you felt hungry because there was not enough food to eat? | Never; Almost Never;<br>Sometimes; Most of the Time;<br>All of the Time; Don't know |

Please note: If you need help with a health or safety issue, support is available 24/7 through the Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 (<https://kidshelpphone.ca/>) or you can go to this website: <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/> during school hours.

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**These questions ask you what you do during a normal week. Try to think of a typical or normal week when answering these questions. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.**

**You may be wondering why we ask these questions. Not all students in B.C. eat breakfast regularly or have access to healthy food. We want to know what your experience is.**

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| 72. How often do you usually eat breakfast?  | Never; 1 to 2 times a week; 3 to 4 times a week; 5 to 6 times a week; Every day |
| 73. How often do you usually eat fresh vegetables (for example, in a salad, or fresh-cooked from raw)? | Never; 1 to 2 times a week; 3 to 4 times a week; 5 to 6 times a week; Every day |
| 74. How often do you usually get a good night's sleep?   | Never; 1 to 2 times a week; 3 to 4 times a week; 5 to 6 times a week; Every day |

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| 75. How would you describe your mental health?   | Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor; Don't know   |
| 76. On a normal school day, how many hours do you exercise or do physical activities that make you sweat and breathe hard? | None; Up to half an hour; Between half an hour and 1 hour; Between 1 hour and 2 hours; More than 2 hours |
| 77. How would you describe your physical health?   | Excellent; Very Good; Good; Fair; Poor; Don't know   |
| 78. When I am facing difficult tasks, I keep trying until I succeed.   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know               |
| 79. Do you have the opportunity to apply the concepts you learn in school to other areas of your life?                     | Never; Almost Never; Sometimes; Most of the Time; All of the Time; Don't know                            |
| 80. I believe I can be successful at almost anything I set my mind to.   | Strongly disagree; Disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Agree; Strongly agree; Don't know               |
| 81. Do you intend to go to a post-secondary school in the future?  | Definitely, Probably, Probably Not, Definitely Not, Don't Know   |

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**You have finished the survey!**  
**Choose one of the buttons below to submit your answers.**

**HELP IS AVAILABLE.**

Thank you for completing the Student Learning Survey!

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If you would like to talk to an adult in your school, clicking the “Yes” box below will send a private message to your principal who will follow up with you later. If you would prefer not to talk to your teacher or principal, maybe talk to a family member or other trusted adult. It is important for adults to know what's going on so that they can help you or other students who may be having trouble.

**Would you like to talk to your teacher or principal about a problem you are having?**

- Yes**, I would like to talk to an adult.       **No**, everything is okay.

**Submit my answers and log me out.**