



Grade 4 to Grade 12

#### What is a Student Census?

- The Student Census is an important way to measure how well schools are doing according to you: our students.
- A Census is a questionnaire that asks questions about you.
- Your parent(s)/guardian(s) have given permission for you to complete this questionnaire.

### How long will it take and how do I respond to the questions?

- The Student Census will take approximately one class period to complete. If you need more time, that is okay, you can save your responses and go back to it at a later time. Just let your teacher know.
- This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. You should do your best to answer as honestly as possible.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, choose the answer that best describes you. For some questions, you can choose the 'Do Not Know' response, for others you can skip the question.
- If you have questions or are unsure about what is being asked, please ask a teacher or adult in the room.

### Do I have to participate?

- Although the Student Census is voluntary, a higher number of responses provide the board with more information on how to best support all students.
- You may skip any question, and you also have the choice to stop at any time.
- Completing the Student Census will not affect your grades in any way.

#### Will you share my answers?

- Some of the questions are very private; please answer them on your own without sharing them with anyone.
- Your answers will be confidential, so that only the Research Department at the board office will be able to see your responses.

• We would need to follow up with you and your principal if your responses indicate concerns for your or others' safety. That would be the only reason that would cause some of your responses to be shared with your principal and/or parent(s)/guardian(s).

### Who can I speak to after the Student Census?

- If you have questions or concerns, you can speak with your teacher and/or principal.
- If you want to talk to someone without sharing your name, you can contact Kids Help Phone by text messaging at: 686868, by telephone at: 1-800-668-6868 or by live chat at: https://kidshelpphone.ca/live-chat/

# Language(s) First Spoken

1.	What is the first language(s) you learned to speak as a child? Select all that apply.						
0	Albanian	0	Greek	0	Serbian		
0	American Sign Language	0	Gujarati	0	Somali		
0	Anishinaabemowin (Ex:	0	Hebrew	0	Spanish		
	Ojibway, Odawa, Algonquin)	0	Hindi	0	Tagalog		
0	Arabic	0	Hungarian	0	Tamil		
0	Bengali	0	Inuktitut	0	Tuscarora		
0	Cayuga	0	Italian	0	Ukrainian		
0	Chinese	0	Korean	0	Urdu		
0	Cree	0	Malayalam	0	Vietnamese		
0	Croatian	0	Mi'kmaq	0	Not sure		
0	Dari	0	Mohawk	0	A language(s) not listed		
0	Dutch	0	Oneida		above (please specify):		
0	English	0	Onondaga				
0	Farsi	0	Polish				
0	French	0	Portuguese				
0	German	0	Punjabi				
		0	Russian				
		0	Seneca				

# Indigenous Identity

- 2. Do you identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit? If yes, select all that apply:
  - o No
  - Yes, First Nations
  - o Yes, Métis
  - o Yes, Inuit

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What is	an Ethnicity?
_	roups have a common identity, heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable cultural, c and/or religious characteristics.
3.	Do you consider yourself a Canadian?
	o Yes
	o No
4.	<ul> <li>Not sure</li> <li>What is your ethnic or cultural origin(s)? List as many ethnic or cultural origins as apply.</li> </ul>
	(For example: Anishnaabe, Canadian, Chinese, Colombian, Cree, Dutch, East Indian, English, French, Filipino, German, Guyanese, Haudenosaunee, Inuit, Iranian, Irish, Italian, Jamaican, Jewish, Korean,
	Lebanese, Métis, Mi'kmaq, Ojibwé, Pakistani, Polish, Portuguese, Scottish, Somali, Sri Lankan, Ukrainian, etc.)

#### Race

### What is 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.

5. In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background. Which racial grobest describes you? Select all that apply.								
,	0	Black	(African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)					
1	0	East Asian	(Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent)					
1	0	Indigenous	(First Nations, Métis, Inuit descent)					
	0	Latino/Latina/Latinx	(Latin American, Hispanic descent)					
,	0	Middle Eastern	(Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)					
	0	South Asian	(South Asian descent, e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)					
•	0	Southeast Asian	(Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent)					
	0	White	(European descent)					
<ul> <li>A racial group(s) not listed above (please specify):</li> </ul>								

### Religion or Spiritual Affiliation

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.

- 6. What is your religion and/or spiritual affiliation? Select all that apply.
  - o Agnostic
  - Atheist
  - o **Buddhist**
  - o Christian
  - o Hindu
  - Indigenous Spirituality
  - o Jewish
  - o Muslim
  - o Sikh
  - Spiritual, but not religious
  - o No religious or spiritual affiliation
  - Religion(s) or spiritual affiliation(s)
  - Not listed above (please specify):
  - o Not sure
  - o I do not understand this question

### Terms:

- Agnostic: A person who is unsure if there is a god or higher power.
- Atheist: A person who believes that there is no god or higher power.

Gender Identity *******FOR STUDENTS GRADE 7 AND HIGHER************************************
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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 (e.g. male, female, intersex). It is different from and does not determine a person's sexual orientation.

- 7. What is your gender identity? Select all that apply.
  - o Boy/man
  - o Gender Fluid
  - o Gender Nonconforming
  - o Girl/woman
  - Non-Binary
  - Questioning
  - o Trans boy or man
  - o Trans girl or woman
  - o Two-Spirit
  - Not sure
  - o I do not understand this question
  - o I prefer not to answer
  - Gender identity(ies) not listed above (please specify):

#### Terms:

- Gender Fluid:
  - o A person who sometimes switches between feeling like a boy or a girl or in other ways.
- Gender Nonconforming:
  - A person who does not feel like they act like a boy or girl.
- Non-Binary:
  - o A person who does not feel like a boy or a girl.
- Questioning:
  - o A person who is not sure if they are a boy or a girl, or something else.
- Trans boy or man:
  - A person who was born as a girl, but lives as a boy/man.
- Trans girl or woman:
  - A person who was born as a boy, but lives as a girl/woman.
- Two-Spirit:
  - An Indigenous person whose gender feeling, spiritual feeling or attraction includes masculine, feminine or non-binary spirits.

Sexual (	Orient	ation *******FOR STUDENTS GRADE 7 AND HIGHER*************
What is	Sexua	al Orientation?
Sexual o	orienta	ation refers to a person's sense of sexual attraction to the people of the same or different sex.
8.	Wha	t is your sexual orientation? Select all that apply.
	0	Straight / heterosexual
	0	Lesbian
	0	Gay
	0	Bisexual
	0	Two-Spirit
	0	Queer
	0	Questioning
	0	Asexual
	0	Pansexual
	0	Not sure
	0	I do not understand this question
	0	I prefer not to answer

#### Terms:

- Straight/Heterosexual:
  - A person who is attracted to people of a different sex; a boy who is attracted to girls, or a
    girl who is attracted to boys.
- Lesbian:
  - A girl who is attracted to girls.
- Gay:
  - A boy who is attracted to boys.
- Bisexual:
  - A person who is attracted to boys and girls.

A sexual orientation(s) not listed above (please specify):

- Two-Spirit:
  - An Indigenous person whose gender feeling, spiritual feeling or attraction includes masculine, feminine or non-binary spirits.
- Queer:
  - o A person whose attraction or gender identity differs from other people in some way.
- Questioning:
  - A person who is unsure about their attraction.
- Asexual:
  - A person who does not feel attraction to anyone.
- Pansexual:
  - A person who is attracted to all genders.

### Disability

### What is a Disability?

A disability may be physical, mental, behavioural, developmental, sensory, communicational, or a combination of any of these. Barriers such as settings that are hard to access (like school, shops or public places), negative attitudes, and barriers to information contribute to a person's experience of having a 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.

- 9. Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability(ies)? (Select one answer only)
- o Yes
- o No
- o Not sure
- o I do not understand this question
- o I prefer not to answer
- 10. If yes, select all that apply.
- Addiction(s)
- o Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Blind or low vision
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Developmental disability(ies)
- Learning disability(ies)
- Mental health disability(ies)
- Mobility
- o Pain
- Physical disability(ies)
- Speech impairment
- Any disability(ies) not listed above (please specify):

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#### Status in Canada

- 11. Were you born in Canada?
- o Yes
- o No

### Socio-economic Status

If you are living in a homestay (e.g., International Student) please answer the questions below thinking about your parent(s)/guardian(s) from your home country and not your home stay and/or guardian while at school in Canada.

12.	Parent/Guardian 1 that you currently live with	13.	Parent/Guardian 2 that you currently live with
most	of the time Please check your relation with this	most	of the time. Please check your relation with this
perso	on. (Select one answer only)	perso	on. (Select one answer only). Skip this section if
		you a	are living with one parent or guardian.
0	Mother	0	Mother
0	Father	0	Father
0	Stepmother	0	Stepmother
0	Stepfather	0	Stepfather
0	Grandparent	0	Grandparent
0	Relative	0	Relative
0	Guardian	0	Guardian
0	Foster parent	0	Foster parent
0	Friend	0	Friend
0	I'm living on my own	0	I'm living on my own
0	A person not listed above (please	0	A person not listed above (please
	specify):		specify):
14.	Please check the highest level of education	15.	Please check the highest level of education
this p	person completed. (Select one answer only)	this p	person completed. (Select one answer only)
0	Did not complete any formal education	0	Did not complete any formal education
0	Elementary school	0	Elementary school
0	High school	0	High school
0	Apprenticeship	0	Apprenticeship
0	College	0	College
0	University	0	University
0	Not sure	0	Not sure
16.	What is this person's employment status?	17.	What is this person's employment status?
(Sele	ct all that apply)	(Sele	ct all that apply)
0	Works full-time	0	Works full-time
0	Works part-time	0	Works part-time
0	Self-employed (for example, has own business)	0	Self-employed (for example, has own business)
0	Looking for work	0	Looking for work
0	Stay- at-home parent/guardian	0	Stay- at-home parent/guardian
0	Retired	0	Retired
0	Not sure	0	Not sure
1	8. What is this person's job or	1	9. What is this person's job or
1	occupation?	1	occupation?
0	Not sure	0	Not sure
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# Relationships

# 20. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
	Disagree			7.8100
a. Adults at my school treat students fairly.	0	0	0	0
b. Adults at my school listen to the students.	0	0	0	0
c. At my school, teachers care about students.	0	0	0	0
d. My teachers are there for me when I need them.	0	0	0	0
e. My teachers are open and honest with me.	0	0	0	0
f. I enjoy communicating with teachers at my school.	0	0	0	0
g. Most teachers at my school are interested in me as a person, not just as a student.	0	0	0	0
h. My teachers have high expectations of me.	0	0	0	0
i. My teachers trust me.	0	0	0	0

# 21. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. There are students at my school who care about me.	0	0	0	0
<ul> <li>b. Students at my school are there for me when I need them.</li> </ul>	0	0	0	0
c. Other students at my school like me the way I am.	0	0	0	0
d. I enjoy communicating with students at my school.	0	0	0	0
e. Students at my school respect what I have to say.	0	0	0	0
f. I have some friends at school.	0	0	0	0

# Well-Being

# 22. How often do you feel:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	All the
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					time
g. Good about yourself	0	0	0	0	0
h. Hopeful about the future	0	0	0	0	0
i. You liked the way you look	0	0	0	0	0
j. Lonely	0	0	0	0	0
k. Nervous or worried	0	0	0	0	0
l. Sad	0	0	0	0	0
m. Tired for no reason	0	0	0	0	0
n. Under a lot of stress or pressure (e.g., stressed out)	0	0	0	0	0

	o Yes o No					
	24. About how many hours per nig	ght, do you usually	sleep Monday to	o Friday?	4	
0	Less than 5 o 5 o 6	0 7	8 0 9	o <b>10</b>	o 11 hour	s or
	hours hours hou	ırs hours	hours ho	ours hours	s more	
	25. About how many days a week breathe harder?	do you exercise o	r take part in a sp	ort that causes	you to sweat a	nd
	o None o 1-2 days	o 3-4 days	0 5-6	5 days	o Every day	
	<ul> <li>26. My overall well-being this past</li> <li>Excellent</li> <li>Good</li> <li>Neither Poor or Good</li> <li>Poor</li> <li>Very Poor</li> <li>Prefer not to answer</li> </ul> 27. If you had an issue at school (excellent) <ul> <li>relationships), how comfortab</li> </ul>	e.g., academics, gra	ades, physical hea		well-being,	
		Very	Uncomfortable	Comfortable	Very	Not
		uncomfortable			Comfortable	sure
	a. A teacher	0	0	0	0	0
	b. A guidance counsellor (Gr. 9- 12 only)	0	0	0	0	0
	c. A principal or vice-principal	0	0	0	0	0
	d. A social worker and/or child	0	0	0	0	0

23. Are you aware that your school has support to help students with their mental health and well-

being?

and youth worker

teacher, etc.)

f. Another adult at school (e.g.,

office staff, special education

e. Friends

g. Parent(s)/guardian(s)	0	0	0	0	0
h. Other family members or relatives	0	0	0	0	0

# 28. During a regular school week (Monday to Friday), how often do you:

	Never	1-2 days a	4-5 days a	Every	Not
		week	week	day	sure
a. Eat breakfast before school starts	0	0	0	0	0
b. Eat lunch	0	0	0	0	0
c. Eat dinner	0	0	0	0	0
d. Feel hungry at home because there is not enough food	0	0	0	0	0
e. Feel hungry at school because you do not have enough food	0	0	0	0	0

# Parental Involvement

# 29. My parent(s)/guardian(s) or other adults at home:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Help me with my schoolwork.	0	0	0	0
b. Communicate with me about what I do in school.	0	0	0	0
c. Ask me about my schoolwork.	0	0	0	0
d. Want me to work hard at school.	0	0	0	0

### Extracurricular activities

30. Before COVID, how often did you usually take part in these school activities (i.e. outside of your regular classroom):

	Never	A few times this	Monthly	Weekly
		year		
a. Arts (e.g., choir, band, drama, dance)	0	0	0	0
b. Sports (e.g., basketball, track and field)	0	0	0	0
c. Cultural groups/clubs, faith/religious activities	0	0	0	0
d. School field trips	0	0	0	0
e. School leadership activities (e.g., student council, student publications)	0	0	0	0
f. School clubs (e.g., chess club, eco club)	0	0	0	0
g. School special events (e.g., dances, talent shows, etc.)	0	0	0	0

31. How often do you take part in these activities outside of school:

	Never	A few times this	Monthly	Weekly
		year		
a. Arts (e.g., choir, band, drama, dance)	0	0	0	0
b. Sports (e.g., basketball, track and field)	0	0	0	0
c. Cultural groups/clubs, faith/religious activities	0	0	0	0
d. School field trips	0	0	0	0
e. School leadership activities (e.g., student council, student publications)	0	0	0	0
f. School clubs (e.g., chess club, eco club)	0	0	0	0
g. School special events (e.g., dances, talent shows, etc.)	0	0	0	0

# **Belonging and Diversity**

# 32. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. I enjoy being at school.	0	0	0	0
b. My school is a friendly and welcoming place.	0	0	0	0
c. My school is an inviting place to learn.	0	0	0	0
d. Extra help for learning is available at my school when I need it.	0	0	0	0
e. I feel like I belong at my school.	0	0	0	0
f. My school building is physically accessible for those who need it (for example, has elevators, automatic doors, wheelchair ramps, etc.).	0	0	0	0

# 33. How do you feel about your school?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	All the time
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a. I feel happy at school	0	0	0	0	0
b. I feel I belong in my school	0	0	0	0	0
c. I feel accepted by students in my school	0	0	0	0	0
d. I feel accepted by adults in my school	0	0	0	0	0
e. I feel school rules are fair	0	0	0	0	0

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

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
	Agree				
a. Gender identity (Grade 7 and above)	0	0	0	0	0
b. Race, ethnicity and/or culture	0	0	0	0	0
c. Poverty	0	0	0	0	0
d. Disabilities/challenges	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>\*</sup>The question is included for students in Grade 7 and above only.

35. At my school, I have opportunities to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
a. *Learn about gender identity	0	0	0	0	0
b. Learn about my own cultural/racial background	0	0	0	0	0
c. Express my cultural identity	0	0	0	0	0
d. Learn about my own abilities (e.g., physical, learning)	0	0	0	0	0
e. Learn about different life situations (e.g., people living in poverty, people with disabilities)	0	0	0	0	0

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36. At my school, I feel people like me are reflected positively in:

	Strongly	Agree	Disagree	Strongly	Unsure
	Agree			disagree	
a. Pictures, posters and displays of student work	0	0	0	0	0
b. Materials teachers use in class (e.g., books, videos)	0	0	0	0	0
c. Topics we study in class	0	0	0	0	0
d. School events/activities (e.g., field trips, guest speaks, presentations, clubs, celebrations, etc.,)	0	0	0	0	0

37. In your school, how often have you learned about the experiences and/or achievements of the following diverse groups of people (for example, in the classroom, in assemblies/presentations, in announcements, on posters, during awareness days)?

	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
a. Women and girls	0	0	0
b. Indigenous communities (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)	0	0	0
c. Diverse ethnic, cultural or racial groups	0	0	0
d. Diverse religious/faith communities	0	0	0
e. People with disabilities	0	0	0
f. *People with different sexual orientations	0	0	0
g. *People who identify as transgender	0	0	0
h. People with different amounts of money	0	0	0

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38.		o you ever feel unwelcome or uncomfortable at your school because of any of the following? (Chec
	d	ny items that apply to you)
(	O	*My gender
(	O	My ethnic, cultural or racial background
(	O	Indigenous background (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)
(	O	My first language

o The way I look

o My religion or faith

o My grades or marks

o How much money my family has

o My extra-curricular activities or hobbies

o A disability or learning need that I have

\*My sexual orientation

o My mental health

o None of the above

Other reason(s): (please specify)

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