



Kindergarten to Grade 3

The Halton District School Board along with other school boards and the Ministry of Education, are re-examining how we can better support all of our students, and in particular, Indigenous, Black and racialized youth.

All public sector organizations in Ontario, including school boards, are required to conduct a census of their key stakeholder populations. The HDSB will launch the Student Census in January 2021.

As a parent or guardian of a student in K-3, you are receiving this Student Census to complete on behalf of your child. Students in Grades 4 - 12 will complete the census on their own.

When completing the census, you are asked to report on various aspects of your child's perception of their identity including ethnicity, indigeneity, language, race, religion, and disability. You are also asked to be asked about their feelings of belonging, inclusion and safety.

Please do your best to answer the questions from your child's perspective. If you are unsure what your child's perceptions are on a question, please select the 'Do not know' option.

The Student Census is voluntary, however a higher number of responses provide the board with more information on how to best support all students. Responses are confidential, and data will be summarized in aggregate format. If you have questions or concerns, you can speak with your child's teacher and/or principal or email studentcensus@hdsb.ca

Language(s) First Spoken

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	Г	
0	Farsi	0	Polish		
0	French	0	Portuguese		
0	German	0	Punjabi		
		0	Russian		
		0	Seneca		

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

Indigenous Identity

- 2. Does your child 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

Ethnicit	у
What is	an Ethnicity?
•	roups have a common identity, heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable cultural, c and/or religious characteristics.
3.	 Does your child consider themselves a Canadian? Yes No Not sure
Ethnicit	У
4.	What is your child's ethnic or cultural origin(s)? List as many ethnic or cultural origins as apply. (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.)

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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.

	In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background. Which racial group(s) best describes your child? Select all that apply.				
0	Black	(African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)			
0	East Asian	(Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent)			
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)			
0	A racial group(s) not lis	sted above (please specify):			
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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.	Wha	t is your child's religion and/or spiritual affiliation? Select all that apply.
	0	Agnostic
	0	Atheist
	0	Buddhist
	0	Christian
	0	Hindu
	0	Indigenous Spirituality
	0	Jewish
	0	Muslim
	0	Sikh
	0	Spiritual, but not religious
	0	No religious or spiritual affiliation
	0	Religion(s) or spiritual affiliation(s) not listed above (please specify):

Terms:

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Not sure

• Agnostic: A person who is unsure if there is a god or higher power.

I do not understand this question

• Atheist: A person who believes that there is no god or higher power.

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.

7a. Does your child consider themselves to be a person with a disability(ies)? (Select one answer only)

- Yes
- o No
- Not sure
- o I do not understand this question
- I prefer not to answer

Disability

7b. Please select all disabilities that apply to your child.

- 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):

Status in Canada

- 8. Was your child born in Canada?
- Yes
- o No

Socio-economic Status

Parent/Guardian 1 that currently lives with this child	Parent/Guardian 2 that currently lives with this child				
most of the time.	most of the time. Skip this section if the child is living				
	with one parent or guardian.				
9a. Is parent/guardian 1, this child's:	10a. Is parent/guardian 2, this child's:				
(Select one answer only)	(Select one answer only)				
MotherFatherStepmother	MotherFatherStepmother				
StepmotnerStepfatherGrandparent	StepmotnerStepfatherGrandparent				
RelativeGuardian	RelativeGuardian				
Foster parentA person not listed above (please specify):	Foster parentA person not listed above (please specify):				
9b. What is parent/guardian 1 highest level of	10b. What is parent/guardian 2 highest level of				
education? (Select one answer only)	education? (Select one answer only)				
 Did not complete any formal education Elementary school High school Apprenticeship College University Not sure 	 Did not complete any formal education Elementary school High school Apprenticeship College University Not sure 				
9c. What is parent/guardian 1 employment status?	10c. What is parent/guardian 2 employment status?				
(Select all that apply)	(Select all that apply)				
 Works full-time 	Works full-time				

 Works part-time 	 Works part-time
 Self-employed (for example, has own business) 	 Self-employed (for example, has own business)
 Looking for work 	 Looking for work
 Stay- at-home parent/guardian 	 Stay- at-home parent/guardian
Retired	o Retired
 Not sure 	 Not sure
9d. What is this person's job or occupation?	10d. What is this person's job or occupation

Relationships

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure or Not applicable
a. Adults at my child's school treat students fairly.	0	0	0	0	
b. Adults at my child's school listen to the students.	0	0	0	0	
c. At my child's school, teachers care about students.	0	0	0	0	
d. At my child's school, educators are there for student when they need them.	0	0	0	0	
e. My child enjoys communicating with teachers at their school.	0	0	0	0	
f. Most teachers at my child's school are interested in my child as a person, not just as a student.	0	0	0	0	
g. My child's teachers have high expectations of my child.	0	0	0	0	

Relationships

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure or Not applicable
a. There are students at the school who care about my child.	0	0	0	0	
 b. Students are there for my child when my child needs them. 	0	0	0	0	
c. Other students like my child just the way my child is.	0	0	0	0	
d. My child enjoys communicating with students at their school.	0	0	0	0	
e. Students at my child's school respect what my child has to say.	0	0	0	0	
f. My child has some friends at school.	0	0	0	0	

Well-Being

13. How often does your child feel:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	All the	Not sure or
					time	Prefer not to
						answer
g. Good about themselves	0	0	0	0	0	
h. Hopeful about the future	0	0	0	0	0	
i. They like the way they look	0	0	0	0	0	
j. Lonely	0	0	0	0	0	
k. Nervous or worried	0	0	0	0	0	
I. 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	

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Well-Bein	g
	. Are you aware that your child's school has support to help students with their mental health and ell-being?
0	Yes
0	No
Well-Bein	g
15	About how many hours per night does your child usually sleen Monday to Friday?

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Less than 5	0	5	0	6	0	/	0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11 nours or
hours		hours		hours		hours		hours		hours		hours		more

Well-Being

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16. About how many days a week does your child exercise or take part in a sport that causes them to sweat and breathe harder?

None	 1-2 davs 	 3-4 davs 	 5-6 davs 	 Every day

Well-Being

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- 17. My child's overall well-being this past month has been:
- Excellent
- o Good
- Neither Poor or Good
- o Poor
- o Very Poor
- o Prefer not to answer

Well-Being

18. If your child had an issue at school (e.g., academics, grades, physical health, emotional well-being,), how comfortable would your child feel discussing it with:

	Very uncomfortable	Uncomfortabl e	Comfortable	Very Comfortable	Not sure
a. A teacher	0	0	0	0	0
b. A principal or vice-principal	0	0	0	0	0
c. A social worker and/or child	0	0	0	0	0
and youth worker					
d. Friends	0	0	0	0	0
e. Another adult at school (e.g., office staff, special education teacher, etc.)	0	0	0	0	0
f. Parent(s)/guardian(s)	0	0	0	0	0

g. Other family members or	0	0	0	0	0
relatives					

Well-Being

19. During a regular school week (Monday to Friday), how often does your child:

	Never	1-2 days a week	4-5 days a week	Every day	Not 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
 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

20. From your child's perspective, to what extent would your child agree or disagree with the following statements? 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

21. Prior to COVID-19, how often did your child take part in these school activities (i.e. outside of the child's regular classroom):

	Never	A few times this year	Monthly	Weekly	Not Sure or Not applicable
a. Arts (e.g., choir, band, drama, dance)	0	0	0	0	
b. Sports (e.g., intramurals sports during nutrition breaks)	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 clubs (e.g., chess club, eco club)	0	0	0	0	
f. School special events (e.g., dances, talent shows, etc.)	0	0	0	0	

Extracurricular activities

22. Prior to COVID-19, how often did your child take part in these activities outside of school:

	Never	A few times this year	Monthly	Weekly	Not Sure or Not applica ble
a. Arts (e.g., choir, band, drama, dance)	0	0	0	0	
b. Sports (e.g., soccer, basketball, track and field)	0	0	0	0	
c. Cultural groups/clubs, faith/religious activities	0	0	0	0	
d. Clubs (e.g., chess club, eco club)	0	0	0	0	
e. Special events (e.g., dances, talent shows, etc.)	0	0	0	0	
f. Other (please explain):	0	0	0	0	

Belonging and Diversity

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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. My child enjoys being at school.	0	0	0	0
 b. My child's school is a friendly and welcoming place. 	0	0	0	0
c. My child's school is an inviting place to learn.	0	0	0	0
 d. Extra help for learning is available at my child's school when my child needs it. 	0	0	0	0
e. My child feels like they belong at their school.	0	0	0	0
f. The school building of my child's school is physically accessible for those who need it (for example, has elevators, automatic doors, wheelchair ramps, etc.).	0	0	0	0

Belonging and Diversity

26. How does your child feel about school?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	All the time	Not sure or Prefer not to answer
a. My child feels happy at school	0	0	0	0	0	
b. My child feels like they belong at their school	0	0	0	0	0	
c. My child feels accepted by students in their school	0	0	0	0	0	
d. My child feels accepted by adults in their school	0	0	0	0	0	
e. My child feels that school rules are fair	0	0	0	0	0	

Belonging and Diversity

27. My child is encouraged to think or learn about human rights/social justice issues related to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
a. Race, ethnicity and/or culture	0	0	0	0	0
b. Poverty	0	0	0	0	0
c. Disabilities/challenges	0	0	0	0	0
d. Mental health and/or well-being					
e. Climate change and/or environment					

Belonging and Diversity

28. At my child's school, they have opportunities to:

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

Belonging and Diversity

29. At my child's school, I feel people like my child 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 students study in class	0	0	0	0	0
d. School events/activities (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, presentations, clubs, celebrations, etc.,)	0	0	0	0	0

Belonging and Diversity

30. How often has your child 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 amounts of money	0	0	
g. People with mental health concerns/challenges			

Belonging and Diversity

31. Has you	ır child eve	er felt unwelcom	e or uncomfor	table at their	school bed	ause of any	of the
following?	(Check any	items that apply	y to you)				

- o Their ethnic, cultural or racial background
- Their Indigenous background (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)
- Their first language
- The way they look
- o Their religion or faith
- How much money our family has
- o Their extra-curricular activities or hobbies
- o A disability or learning need that my child has
- o Their mental health
- None of the above
- Other reason(s): (please specify)

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