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Ontario English

SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

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This questionnaire asks for information about:

- the characteristics of the school;
- the student body;
- teachers in the school;
- some of the pedagogical practices of the school, sometimes with particular regard to mathematics;
- the school's resources;
- some of the administrative structures within the school.

This information may, for example, help to establish the impact of resource distribution on student achievements — both within and between countries. It may also help to establish the impact of different teaching strategies and practices on student achievement.

The questionnaire should be completed by the principal or designate.

It should take about 30 minutes to complete

If you do not know an answer precisely, your best estimate will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

Your answers will be kept confidential. They will be combined with answers from other principals to calculate totals and averages in which on one school can be identified.

Preliminary Note:

Sometimes you will be asked about:

- the whole of your school; or
- 15-year-olds within your school; or,
- the grade level at which most 15-year-olds are studying.

Q1 Which of the following best describes the community in which your school is located?

(Please mark only one box.)

A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3 000 people)
A small town (3 000 to about 15 000 people)
A town (15 000 to about 100 000 people)
A city (100 000 to about 1 000 000 people)
A large city with over 1 000 000 people

Q2 As of March 31, 2003, what was the total school enrolment (number of students)?

(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

- a) Number of boys:
- b) Number of girls:

Q3	Is your school a public or a private school?
	(Please mark only one box.)
	A public school \square_1
	(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a public education authority, government agency, or governing board appointed by government or elected by public franchise.)
	A private school
	(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a non-government organisation; e.g., a church, trade union, business, or other private institution.)
Q4	About what percentage of your total funding for a typical
	school year comes from the following sources?
	(Please write a number in each row Write 0 (zero) if no funding comes from that source.)
	%
	a) Government (includes local regional, provincial and federal)
	b) Student fees or school charges paid by parents
	c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fund raising
	d) Other
,	Total 100%
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Q5 Are the following grade levels found in your school?

(Please mark one box on each row.)

		Yes	No
a)	Grade 1		
b)	Grade 2		
c)	Grade 3		
d)	Grade 4		\supset_{\square_2}
e)	Grade 5.		
f)	Grade 6.		
g)	Grade 7.		
h)	Grade 8.		
i)	Grade 9 (Manitoba: Senior 1)		
j)	Grade 10 (Manitoba: Senior 2; Newfoundland: Level I)		$\square_{_{2}}$
k)	Grade 11 (Mantoba: Senior 3; Newfoundland: Level II)		
	Grade 12 (Manitoba: Senior 4; Newfoundland: Level III)		
m)	Grade 13		
n)	Ungraded school		

Q6 About what percentage of students in your school repeated a grade, at these grade levels, last academic year?

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(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if nobody repeated a grade. Mark the not applicable box if the grade level does not appear in your school.)

	%	Novapplicable
The approximate percentage of students in grades 7-9 (Manitoba: Senior 1) who repeated a grade in this school last year was:		997
The approximate percentage of students in grades 10-13 (Manitoba: Senior 2 - 4, Newfoundland: Level I - III) who repeated a grade in this school	>	
last year was:		997

The following is a list of grade levels that may be in your school and that are available to <u>15-year-old</u> students.

- Grade 7-9 ((Manitoba: Grade7-Senior 1)
- Grade 10-13 (Manitoba: Senior 2-4; Newfoundland: Level I-III)

Q7 For each of these grade levels in your school:

(Please write a number in each row for each grade level in your school.)

Grade 10-13 Grade 7-9 (Manitoba : Senior 2-4 (Manitoba: Grade 7-Senior 1) Newfoundland: Level I-III) a) How many instructional weeks are in the school year? b) How many hours in total are there in the school week? (include lunch, breaks, study hall time, and after school activities) c) How many hours for instruction are there in the school week? exclude lunch, breaks and after school activities)

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Q8 Is your school's capacity to provide instruction hindered by a shortage or inadequacy of any of the following?

(Please mark one box in each row.)

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
a)	Qualified mathematics teachers		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
b)	Qualified science teachers				4
c)	Qualified english teachers			3	> \(\begin{align*}
d)	Qualified french as-a-second-language teachers			\bigcup_{3}	4
e)	Qualified other language teachers		2	\square_3	
f)	Experienced teachers			\square_3	\square_4
g)	Supply/replacement teachers	\Box_{1}		$\square_{_3}$	4
h)	Support personnel			$\square_{_3}$	4
i)	Instructional materials (e.g. textbooks)			$\square_{_3}$	4
j)	Budget for supplies (e.g. paper, pencils)			$\square_{_3}$	4
k)	School buildings and grounds		$\square_{_2}$		\square_4
	Heating/cooling and lighting systems			$\square_{_3}$	4
m)	Instructional space (e.g. classrooms)			$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
n)	Special equipment for disabled students			$\square_{_3}$	\square_4
o)	Computers for instruction			\square_3	4
p)	Computer software for instruction				

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
			\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
	q) Calculators for instruction			\square_3	4
	r) Library materials				\Box_4
	s) Audio-visual resources				\wedge
	t) Science laboratory equipment and materials			3	4
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Q9	In your school, about how many	compu	ters a	re:	
	(Please write a number in each row. W	Vrite 0 (ze	ero) if i) there are	none.)
	·		>	Num	
	a) in the school altogether?				
	b) available to 15-year-old students?	>			
	c) available only to teachers?				
	d) available only to administrative staff?	•••••			
	e) connected to the Internet/World Wide Web	?			
	f) connected to a local area network (LAN, In	tranet)?			
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Q10 How much consideration is given to the following factors when students are admitted to your school?

(Please mark one box in each row.)

		Prerequisite	High priority	Considered	Not considered
a) Residence in a particular area			\square_3	\square_4
b) Student's academic record (including placement tests)				4
c	Recommendation of feeder schools			$\sqrt{3}$	\square_4
d	Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school				4
e) Student need or desire for a special program		\rightarrow	$\square_{_{3}}$	\Box_4
f	Attendance of other family members at the school (past or present)			\square_3	4
	Think about the students in your sagree with the following statemen Please mark one box in each row.)			·	
(Please mark one box in each row.)	Strongly			Strongly
		agree	Agree	Disagree	
a)	$\Diamond \Diamond $			Disagree —	disagree
b)	Students enjoy being in school.				disagree
	Students work with enthusiasm.				disagree
					disagree 4 4
	Students work with enthusiasm				disagree 4 4 4
d)	Students work with enthusiasm			Disagree	disagree 4 4 4 4
d)	Students work with enthusiasm. Students take pride in this school. Students value academic achievement.			Disagree	disagree

Q12 Generally, in your school, how often are Grade 10 students (or equivalent) assessed using:

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(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

	(Equivalence:					\wedge	
	Manitoba: Newfoundland:	Grade 10 is equivale Grade 10 is equival					
	(Please mark on	ly one box in each i	row.)				⟨) More
			Never	1-2 times a	3 – 5 times a year	Monthly	than once a month
a)	standardised tests	,		2	$\square_{_3}$	4	
b)	teacher-developed	tests?			$\square_{_3}$	4	
c)	teachers' total imp	pression ratings?			$\square_{_3}$	4	
d)	student portfolios				$\square_{_3}$	4	
e)	student assignmen projects/homewor					\square_4	
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Q13 In your school, are assessments of grade 10 students (or equivalent) used for any of the following purposes?

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(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

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(Equivalence:				
Ì	Manitoba:	Grade 10 is equivalen	t to Senior 2		
1	Newfoundland:	Grade 10 is equivaler	ıt to Level 1)	(1
(Please mark on	ly one box in each ro	nw.)		3)
				Yes	No
a)	To inform parents	about their child's prog	ress.		
b)	To make decisions	s about students' retenti	on or promotion		
c)	To group students	for instructional purpos	ses		
d)	To compare the so performance	hool to district, provinc	ial or national		
e)	To monitor the scl	nool's progress from year	ar to year		
f)	To make judgemen	nts about teachers' effec	etiveness		
g)	~ +)	s of instruction or the cu			
h)	To compare the sc	hool with other schools			
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Q14 About how many 15-year-old students in your school have a mother-tongue that is not English?

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	(Please mark	only one bo	ox.)				
	a) 40% or more						
	b) 20% or more b	out less than 4	10%			\wedge	
	c) 10% or more b	out less than 2	20%				
	d) Less than 10%)					
Q15	Schools with sometimes o			/\ \ -\	1	_	
	Does your s 15-year-old	chool offe	er any o	f the follow	ring option	ns to	•
	(Please mark o	one box in e	ach row.	Y			
	^ (No, not for any languages	Yes, for French only	Yes, for one language only but not French	Yes, for 2 or more languages including French	Yes, for 2 or more languages but not French	Not appli- cable
	a) Instruction in their language is offered as a separate						
<	subject/			3	4		\bigsqcup_{ϵ}
	b) Instruction in other parts of the curriculum						

Q16 Schools sometimes organise instruction differently for students with different abilities and interests in mathematics.

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Which of the following options describe what your school does for Grade 10 students (or equivalent) in mathematics classes?

Ĵ	(If there are no students in grade 10 in g for the grade level in which the maj enrolled)			<u> </u>
((Equivalence:			\supset $$
Ì	Manitoba: Grade 10 is equivalent to Newfoundland: Grade 10 is equivalent to			
			>	
	(Please mark one box in each row.)			
		For all classes	For some classes	Not for any classes
a)	Mathematics classes study similar content, but at different levels of difficulty			\square_3
b)	Different classes study different content or sets of mathematics topics that have different levels of difficulty.			\square_3
c)	Students are grouped by ability within their mathematics classes.			
d)	In mathematics classes, teachers use a pedagogy suitable for students with a range of abilities (i.e. students are not			
$\langle \cdot \rangle$	grouped by ability).			$\square_{_{3}}$

In your school, do any of the following activities to **Q17** promote engagement with mathematics occur?

(Please mark one box in each row)

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		Yes	No
a)	Enrichment mathematics		
b)	Remedial mathematics		
c)	Mathematics competitions		
d)	Mathematics clubs		
	Computer clubs (specifically related to mathematics)		
	How many of the following are on school?	the staff	of your
9	Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A full 00% of the time as a teacher for the full school y	ll-time teach vear. All oth	ner is employed at leas ner teachers should b

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(Please write a number in each space provided. Write 0 (zero) if there is none.

Full

Part Time time a) Teachers in TOTAL Teachers fully certified by the province c) Teachers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in education

Q19 How many of the following are on the MATHEMATICS staff of your school?

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Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a teacher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

Please count only those teachers who have taught or will teach mathematics during the current school year.

(Please write a number in each space provided there are none.)	d. Write 0 (2	Part
a) Teachers of mathematics in TOTAL	time *	Time
b) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree and with a major in Mathematics	<u> </u>	
c) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree but not a major in Mathematics		
d) Teachers of mathematics with a Bachelor's or Master's degree in education		
e) Teachers of mathematics with a College Diploma but no a Bachelor's or Master's degree	ot	
Q20 During the last year, have any of the followed to monitor the practice of Mathematics to school?		
Please mark one box in each row.)		
a) Principal or senior staff observations of classes \square_1	No	
b) Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school \square_1		

Q21 How much do you agree with these statements about innovation in your school?

standards to the students' level and needs. ..

demanding enough'.

c) There are frequent disagreements between mathematics teachers who consider each other to be 'too demanding' or 'not

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(Please mark one box in each row.)				
		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a)	Mathematics teachers are interested in trying new methods and teaching practices.			\square_3	4
b)	There is a preference among mathematics teachers to stay with well-known methods and practices.				
c)	There are frequent disagreements between 'innovative' and 'traditional' mathematics teachers.		\bigcup_2		\Box_4
			\searrow		
	How much do you agree with the teachers' expectations in your so	\sim	emen	ts abou	ut
(Please mark one box in each row.				
`		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that academic achievement must be kept as high as possible.				4
b)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that it is best to adapt academic				

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Q23 How much do you agree with these statements about teaching goals in your school?

(Please mark one box in each row.)

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		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that the social and emotional development of the student is as important as their acquisition of mathematical skills and knowledge in mathematics classes			3	4
b)	There is consensus among mathematics teachers that the development of mathematical skills and knowledge in students is the most important objective in mathematics classes.				\square_4
c)	There are frequent disagreements between mathematics teachers who consider each other as 'too focused on skill acquisition or 'too focused on the affective		, `		
Т	hink about the teachers in your s	chool. H	low mu	ப _் uch do yo	⊔₄ U
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Q24 agree with the following statements?

(Please mark one box in each row.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongl disagre
a) The morale of teachers in this school is high				
b) Teachers work with enthusiasm				
c) Teachers take pride in this school				4
d) Teachers value academic achievement				

Q25 In your school, to what extent is the learning of Grade 10 students (or equivalent) hindered by:

(If there are no students in grade 10 in your school, please respond for the grade level in which the majority of 15 year olds are enrolled)

Ì	Equivalence: Manitoba: Newfoundland:	Grade 10 is equivalent to Senior 2 Grade 10 is equivalent to Level 1)				
(Please mark one	box in each row.)	\langle		>))	
			Not at all	Very little	To some extent	$_{lot}^{A}$
a)	teachers' low expe	ctations of students?			\square_3	\square_4
b)	student absenteeisr	n?			$\square_{_3}$	
c)	poor student-teache	er relations?				\square_4
d)	disruption of classe	es by students?			\square_3	
e)	teachers not meeting	ng individual students' needs?			\square_3	
f)	teacher absenteeisr				\square_3	\Box_4
g)	students skipping o	lasses?			$\square_{_3}$	\Box_4
h)	students lacking re	spect for teachers?			\square_3	
(i)	staff resisting chan	ge?			\square_3	
j)	student use of alco	hol or illegal drugs?			\square_3	
k)	teachers being too	strict with students?			\square_3	\square_4
1)	students intimidation	ng or bullying other students?			\square_3	
m)		encouraged to achieve their full				

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Q26 In your school, who has the main responsibility for:

(Please mark as many boxes as appropriate in each row.)

		Not a main responsibility of the school	Appointed or elected board/council	Principal	Department Head	Teacher(s)
a)	selecting teachers for hire?					
b)	firing teachers?					
c)	establishing teachers' starting salaries?					
d)	determining teachers' salary increases?					
e)	formulating the school budget?					1
f)	deciding on budget allocations within the school?					
g)	establishing student disciplinary policies?		\rightarrow			
h)	establishing student assessment policies?					
i)	approving students for admittance to the school?		\Box_1			
j)/<	choosing which textbooks are used?					
k)	determining course content?					
1)	deciding which courses are offered?					

Q27 In your school, which of the following bodies exert a direct influence on decision making about staffing, budgeting, course content and assessment practices?

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

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Area of influence:

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		Staffing	Budgeting	Instructional content	Assessment practises
a)	Provincial, regional education authorities				
b)	The school's appointed or elected board/council				
c)	Employers (e.g. where the students spend their work-term)			\supset	
d)	Parent groups				
e)	Teacher groups (e.g. Staff Association, curriculum committees, trade union)				
f)	Student groups (e.g. Student Association, youth organization)				
g)	External examination boards				
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Q28 What type of school is your institution?

a)	Non-sectarian (no religious affiliation)	1

b) Sectarian/separate (with religious affiliation, for example Anglican, Catholic, Mennonite, etc.)

Q29 Does your school offer a semestered program to 15-year old students?

A semestered program is a program where students change courses part way through the year. This includes trimestered and quartered programs.

- a) Yes

Q30a This school year, about what percentage of students at your school have been enrolled in a course or program requiring them to spend time in a workplace (for example, Co-op, work education)?

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	or
	No such programs available $\Box_1 \rightarrow Go \text{ to QUESTION}_3$
Q30b	How are students selected to participate in this program?
	(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)
a)	Open to anyone who applies
b)	On a first come, first serve basis or by random selection
c)	Staff recommend or select individuals
d).	According to year of study
e)"	According to identification of higher dropout risk \square_5
f)	According to marks and grades
g)	By acceptable attendance records
h)	Participation is mandatory
i)	By a school interview

Q31 Which of the following programs are offered through this school and which programs, if any, are considered the main focus of this school?

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

A program is a specially designed curriculum.

A language immersion program is a program where 25% or more of instruction time is spent in the immersion language.

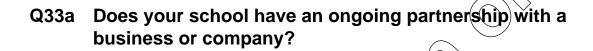
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		Program is offered	focus of thi school
a)	French language immersion program		
b)	English language immersion program		
c)	Other language immersion program		
d)	ESL/FSL program		
e)	Program targeting the arts for example, dance, theatre, visual arts, etc.		
f)	Program targeting sports		
g)	Trade vocational program		
\hat{y}	Program for special needs (for example, special		
\\	education or program for students with earning difficulties		
i)	Program targeting gifted students (for example, enriched program)		
j)	Alternative program (for example, programs flexible enough to accommodate students returning to school, pregnant teens, adults etc.)		
k)	Other program, please specify:		

Q32 At this school, is unpaid community service (volunteer work) mandatory for graduation?

a) Yes.....

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b) No



b) No → Go to QUESTION 34

Q33b Through this partnership, does the business or company provide any of the following?

(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

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a)	Learning materials (books, charts, etc.)	
b)	Technology (or computers)	\square_2
c)	Work experience opportunities for students	
d)	Curriculum input.	
e)	Information on career opportunities	
f)	Funding	
g)	Scholarships or rewards	7
h)	Other, please specify	
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Q34 Approximately what percentage of last year's high school graduates went on to... *If your school is not a senior high school, mark this box* \square_1 *and go to* Question 35. b) College, CEGEP or other post-secondary c) Other (for example, work or travel)..... Total for a, b and c must equal 100° or d) Destination of graduates is not known Does this school Q35a (Please mark all that apply.) Yes No a) have programs or practices in place to help at risk students stay in school?....

Q35b What does this school do for or offer to these students?

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(Please mark as many boxes as apply.)

	To help at risk students stay in school	To encourage students who have dropped out to return to school
a) Contact Parents		2
b) Close monitoring of student attendance or classroom performance		
c) Incentives for better classroom attendance or classroom performance		\Box_2
d) Tutoring by teachers	\rightarrow	
e) Peer tutoring		
f) Alternative or flexible program		
g) Program where youth spend time with an employer (for example, co-op or work education)		
h) Individual or group counselling for personal issues		
i) Academic counselling		
j) Career counselling		
Recommend another school		
l) Referral to health-care providers outside the school		
m) Childcare for children of students		
n) Other, please specify		

Q36 Contact information:

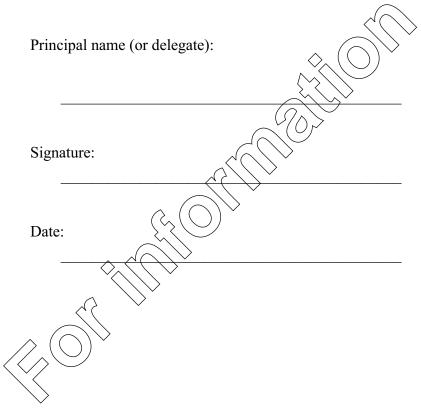
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