

# Answering Students' Frequently Asked Questions

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## 1. What is the purpose of this survey?

ANSWER:

This survey helps us discover students' feelings towards school, any problems that may be occurring, and ideas for making the school better. This is your chance to tell us what you think.

## 2. Do I have to do this survey?

ANSWER:

No, this survey is voluntary. We ask you to participate to help make your school better. If you do not want to participate, you do not have to. Also, if you start answering questions and you want to stop participating, you can choose to stop at any time. Finally, you can choose to skip any questions you do not feel comfortable answering.

## 3. Is this a test?

ANSWER:

There are no right or wrong answers. Nothing you say on this survey will ever be connected with you, your grades, or your performance in school. We will never see your individual answers. Be honest, and be yourself, and that will help to make your school a better place!

## 4. Will anyone see my answers?

ANSWER:

This survey does not ask for your name, or student ID number, so your answers cannot be connected to you. That means your teachers, school staff, friends, and parents will never know your answers. Answers for the entire grade or school are always combined and displayed together, so no one will ever see individual students' answers.

The survey is completely anonymous. and you can skip any question that you do not know the answer to, or do not feel comfortable answering.

## 5. Why are the questions so personal?

ANSWER:

The survey asks some questions that may seem very personal or private, such as parents' education, students' height and weight, or smoking, drinking, and drug use behaviours. We ask these questions because they are important and are connected to student health and wellness. It is important to remember that the survey is anonymous, and no one will ever know your answers.

## 6. Why do you want to know if I'm Indigenous or an Immigrant?

ANSWER:

The survey is a great chance for you to have your voice heard. It is important that we hear from specific groups of students, such as students who are Indigenous or Immigrants. Answering "yes" to these questions will help us know what your concerns, feelings, and thoughts are. However, we are also careful about protecting your identity: your answers will always remain anonymous.

## 7. Why do you include questions that are unrelated to school?

ANSWER:

Some of the questions may seem unrelated to school, but all questions included in the survey help tell us about you, your health, and your school outcomes. Even things that do not seem related to school, like the foods we eat or how much time we watch TV at home, can give us important information on how to help you be successful at school.

**Note:** *If you really want to know why a question is being asked, and you cannot find out from the person coordinating the survey at your school or from your principal, you are invited to ask The Learning Bar through your school.*

## 8. Where do my answers go when I complete the survey?

ANSWER:

Your answers to the survey questions are sent over a secure data line to The Learning Bar. Your answers are combined with the answers of other students in the same grade and school. This information is used to make reports that show teachers and school staff how they can make your school better.

## 9. Why is there no back button?

ANSWER:

There is no back button on the survey. This means once you finish a page of the survey, you cannot go back and make changes to your previous answers. This helps to protect your answers, so other students who use the same computer after you cannot use the back button to see your answers. However, it also means that if you make a mistake, you cannot go back and fix it. It's important to be careful when you are doing the survey, but remember, it is not a test, and one or two mistakes will not make a big difference in the final results for the whole school.

## 10. Why does the progress bar jump?

ANSWER:

The progress bar shows how many questions you have left to complete on the survey. However, it doesn't go up after each question you answer, it only goes up after each page you complete. This means the bar may go up a lot for a page that contains many questions, but only a little for a page that contains only a few.