



Parent Involvement Survey

The home/school partnership is one of the essential components of an effective school. This survey is designed to help us better understand the level of parental involvement both at school and at home and help guide us in school improvement planning. Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey and help us gather important information about our partnership and how we, as a team, can enhance your child's school experience. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Results will only be reported in summary form; no individual person will be identified.

Part A: Tell Us About Yourself (Demographics)

School Name: _____

Gender of person completing this survey:

- female
- male
- filled out by more than one person

Please identify the number of children that you have in each division at this school. If your children are in a special class, please indicate their grade level.

- Junior/Senior Kindergarten
- Primary (grades 1-3)
- Junior (grades 4-6)
- Intermediate (grades 7-8)
- Senior (grades 9-12)

Part B: Helping your Child

It is important for schools to provide families with information that will assist them in establishing home environments to support children as students. In this section of the survey, we are interested in finding out if there are any topics of information that parents need to assist them in supporting their children as students.

1) Which topics would you like more information about in order to help your child do well in school?

	Not at all Interested	A little Interested	Somewhat Interested	Very Interested	Extremely Interested
Child/adolescent development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communicating with children / teens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How to help my child(ren) learn at home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance abuse awareness (tobacco, alcohol, drugs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's self esteem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullying	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discipline techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-racism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivating my child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time management skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list any other topics you may be interested in:

Part D: Volunteering

Many schools rely on parent volunteers to assist with student learning, school events, and in making decisions. We would like to know about your volunteer experiences and barriers to participation.

1. Were you invited to volunteer at school in the last two years? Yes ____ No ____
2. Did you seek the opportunity to volunteer at the school in the past two years? Yes ____ No ____
3. From the list of volunteer activities, which ones did you participate in during the past two years?

Activity	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Helped with an event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coached a team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Led a club or activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized or acted as a guest speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteered on school trip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Served on School Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helped organize a Home and School event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participated as a classroom volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisted with planning graduation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helped to run a fund raising event	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisted with the nutrition program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list any other volunteer activities that you were involved in over the last two years.

4. What makes it difficult for you to volunteer at the school? (Please check all that apply. If you feel there are no barriers, check the last box):

- Unaware of the various volunteer opportunities
- Conflict with my work schedule
- Child care responsibilities
- Feeling unwelcome at the school
- Feeling shy / nervous about volunteering
- No interest in volunteering
- Not interested in the volunteering opportunities offered
- Language barriers
- Lack of time
- Lack of transportation to the school
- Volunteer screening process (police check)
- Information about volunteer opportunities not received on time
- There are no barriers to my involvement at school as a volunteer

Please list any other reasons why it might be difficult for you to volunteer at the school.

5. Do you have any suggestions on how to get other parents involved?

Part E: Decision-Making Process

Schools recognize and appreciate the input of parents when making school decisions and encourage the development of parent leaders and representatives. This section of the survey asks about your involvement in the decision-making process in the school.

	Yes	No	Unsure
School Council			
1) Does your School Council meet regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Does your School Council actively participate in providing advice to the principal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Are parents'/guardians' concerns well represented by the School Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home and School Association			
4) Does the school have a Home and School Association that meets regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Are parents'/guardians' concerns well represented by the Home and School Association.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:			
6) Have you been involved in any other committees/ organizations other than School Council or Home and School that have provided advice at the school or board level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Does the school actively seek ideas from parents on school-related issues (e.g., School Improvement Plan)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8) Have you given your ideas or advice on school-related issues to the staff or School Council members?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9) Do you know how to get involved in the decision-making process at your child(ren)'s school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10) Does the school staff consider your opinion when it comes to making decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11) Would you like to contribute more to the school decision-making process (Please check all that apply):

- No, I am satisfied with my current level of participation.
- Yes, but I don't feel encouraged by the school.
- Yes, but I do not know how to get involved.
- Yes, but I do not have time.
- Yes, but the time of the meetings is inconvenient.
- Yes, but communicating in English is difficult for me.
- Yes, but I do not understand the issues very well.
- Yes, but I do not feel comfortable.

Please list any other barriers to your participation in school decision-making.

2) What other activities do you engage in that enrich your child's learning experiences (e.g., visits to the library, encouraging a special interest, etc.)?

3) For Middle School and Secondary School Parents:

Do you discuss with your child their course selections before you sign their Secondary School option sheet?

_____ Yes

_____ No

Thank you for taking the time to complete the HWDSB Parent Involvement Survey. Your responses will assist the school in better meeting the needs of your child.

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