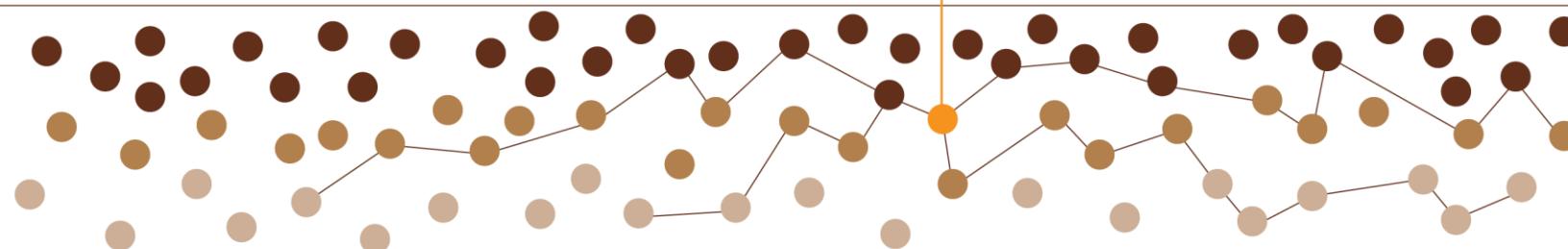
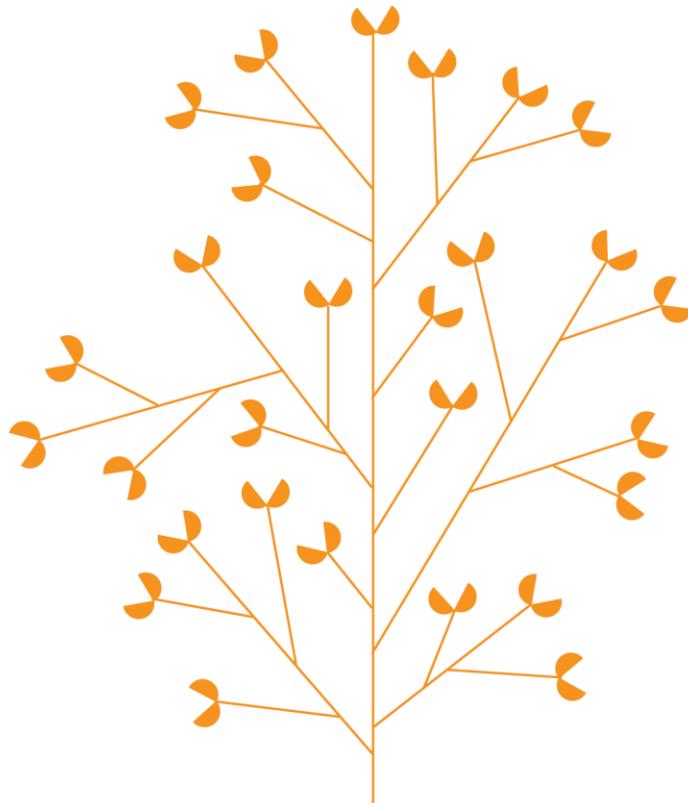


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UNDERSTANDING OUR LIVES

MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

2025–2026 ■ SURVEY OF GRADE 6, 7, 8 STUDENTS

Manitoba
INSTRUCTIONAL SURVEY

You can preview the survey online at
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

1. Prior to starting the survey, please read the Student Assent on the next page aloud to your students! Students must be given the opportunity to decline and not complete the survey. Students can withdraw anytime by clicking the  button at the bottom of every page.
2. Each student has their own login ID and password assigned to them. Students need to know that their answers are confidential, so that they will feel more comfortable answering the questions honestly. It is critical that they know this is **not a test**, and that there are no right or wrong answers.
3. The “Tell us About Yourself” section at the beginning of the survey can be challenging for some students. Please read this section aloud to make sure everybody understands. You know your students best and if you are concerned about their reading level, we suggest you read all of the survey questions aloud to your students.
4. The MDI takes about 45-60 minutes to complete. The “Activities” section is a natural place to break.

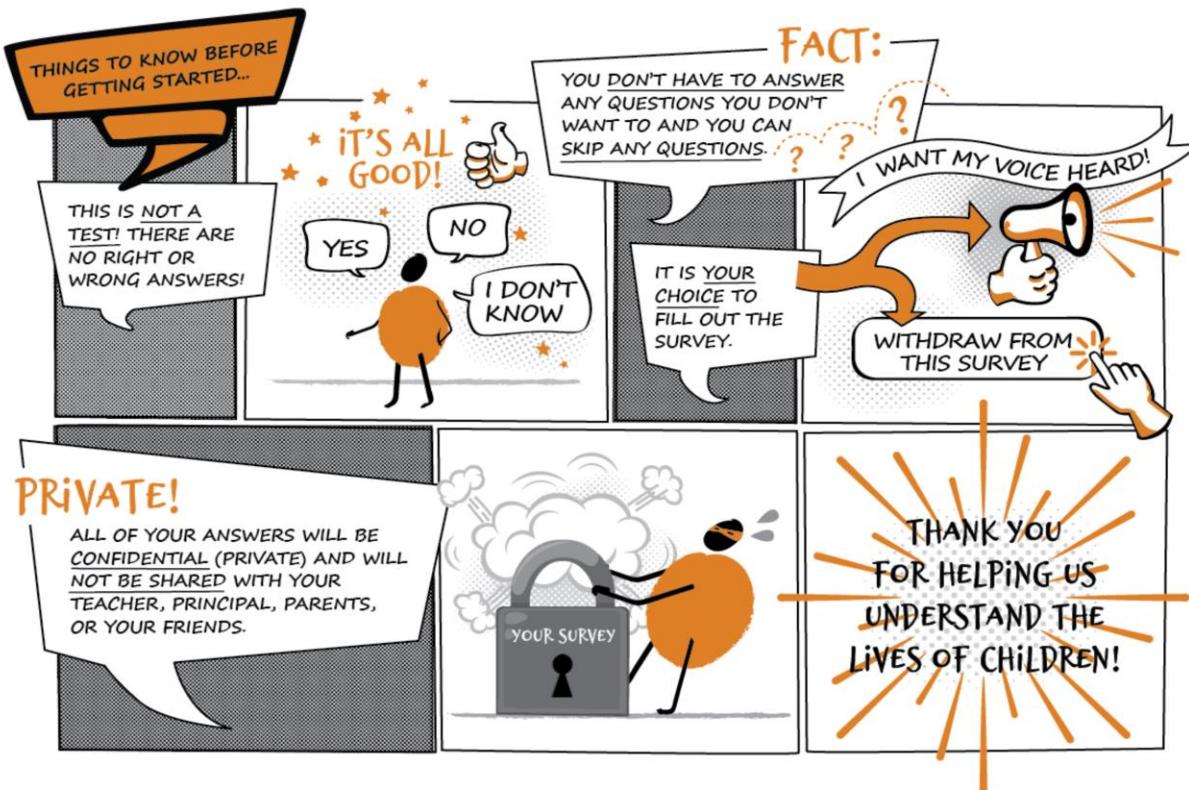
Thank you!

Please read the text below aloud to your students before starting the survey!

STUDENT ASSENT SCRIPT

Understanding Our Lives: The Middle Years Development Instrument Survey

We would like to learn more about the lives of school children in Canada, and the best way to do that is to ask YOU about your life in school and outside of school. It has been a long time since we were your age, so we need you to be our "teachers", so that we can learn more about the lives of children today. To learn about children your age, we would like to ask you some questions about how you think and feel about things in your life and about what you like to do.



Here are some things to know before getting started:

1. This is **not a test!** There are **no right or wrong answers**. Some people think or feel one thing and other people think or feel something else. We want to know what *you* think and how *you* feel. Your answers are **VERY IMPORTANT** and will help improve activities and programs for children your age.
2. It is **your choice** to fill out the survey. You can choose not to fill out the survey at any time before, during or after your survey is finished and you will not get in trouble or lose marks. You don't have to answer any questions you don't want to and you can skip any questions. You can withdraw from the survey at any time by clicking on the "Withdraw from this survey" button on the bottom of every page.
3. It is important for you to know that **ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS** that you put in this survey will be **confidential (private)** and will **not** be shared with your teacher, principal, parents, or your friends.

Please answer each question the best you can.

Thank you for your help!

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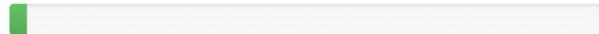
Instruct students to click on
"Start Survey" to begin.

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Quick review before you start (check the boxes to confirm):

I understand this survey does not count for school marks

I understand I can stop doing the survey at any time

I understand I can skip a question

I understand this is confidential (private)

Students can click the check boxes to confirm they understand the Assent Script.

Clicking “Next” saves student responses and moves to the next page.

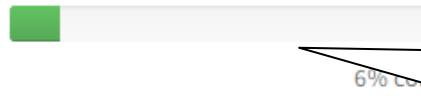
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Please read the Demographic Section of the survey and the instructions with sample questions aloud to your students. After completing the first section they should be able to continue the survey on their own, although some might still need your assistance. You know your students best, and if you are concerned about their reading level, we suggest you read all of the questions aloud to your students.

If your students have headphones, they can click on this icon to hear the question read aloud.





Please tell us a little bit about yourself

1. What is your birth date?

Day Month Year

2. Which of these adults do you live with most of the time? (Check all adults you live with.)

- One parent
- Two parents
- Part time with each parent
- Step-parent(s)
- Grandparent(s)
- Foster parent(s) or caregiver(s)
- Other adults

3. How many siblings (brothers and sisters) do you have?

0 1 2 3 4 5

4. How do you describe your gender?

Boy Girl Non-binary In another way

If you do not want to answer, please go to the next page.

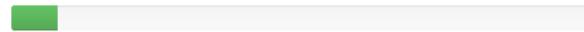
The way I describe my gender is...

These questions can be challenging for some students. Please read Questions 1 to 11 aloud to make sure everybody understands.

If students ask about “in another way”, provide a simple matter-of-fact response, congruent with language your school and school district have been teaching, and advise students to use their own words if they don’t see a gender description that fits for them. For example, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, or two-spirit.

Alternatively, a possible response is, “Some people feel like a boy or a girl inside, so they can check one of those boxes. But others may feel differently and want to describe their gender another way – such as sometimes I feel like both, or I feel like neither a boy nor a girl, or I am not sure.”

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All of your family members might not be First Nations, Inuit or Métis, but maybe some of them are. We want to know about **YOU**. Are you First Nations, Inuit or Métis? If so, please answer **YES**.

5. Are you First Nations, Inuit or Métis?

No Yes Part

Which do you identify as?

First Nations

Inuit

Métis

Please share your First Nation(s), Inuit or Métis community/communities here:

This text box will appear if a student selects “First Nations, Inuit or Métis” Refer to the list at the back of this guide if a student asks for assistance. For example, “Squamish Nation” or “Tsleil-Waututh Nation”.

6. What is the first language you learned at home? *(You can check more than one if you need to.)*

- English
- French
- Cree
- Ojibway
- Dakota
- Dene
- Ojibway-Cree
- Other

Other:

7. Which language(s) do you speak at home? *(You can check more than one if you need to.)*

- English
- French
- Cree
- Ojibway
- Dakota
- Dene
- Ojibway-Cree
- Other

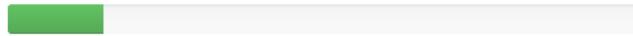
8. Were you born in Canada? No Yes Don't Know

9. Were your parents born in Canada? No Yes, one parent Yes, both parents Don't Know

10. How difficult is it for you to read in English? Very hard Hard Easy Very easy

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The next question is about your ethnic or racial background.

Why are we asking this question?

We know that people of different races do not have very different genetics. But, our race and ethnicity still have important consequences, including the experiences we have with different people and organizations.

Canada is home to people from many different racial or ethnic groups and backgrounds. Every person is born into one or more racial or ethnic groups.

11. How would you describe your own racial or ethnic background? (Choose more than one if it is true for you.)

- Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, or Métis)
- Black (for example, African, Caribbean, Haitian, Kenyan, Nigerian)
- East Asian (for example, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Mongolian)
- Latino/Latina/Latinx (for example, Hispanic, Latin American, Chilean, Colombian, Mexican)
- Middle Eastern (for example, Egyptian, Iranian, Israeli, Lebanese, Turkish)
- South Asian (for example, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese, Sri Lankan)
- South East Asian (for example, Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese)
- White (European background)
- Other

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The list shown here are just some examples.

Students can check multiple boxes.

If they don't see their answers in the list, they can choose "OTHER" and write down their answers.

Please read the **INSTRUCTIONS** and **SAMPLE QUESTIONS** aloud to make sure everybody understands.

The sample questions give students practice with both positive and negative questions.



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INSTRUCTIONS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

If you do not understand a question, please raise your hand and **ask for help**.

Make sure you **understand** the question and the answer options **before** you answer.

Here are sample questions for practice.

These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement.



I like to eat carrots.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I don't like to eat pizza.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Lets start now!

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers!

Students can complete the remaining questions on their own and can ask for assistance as needed. You can read all the questions aloud if you are concerned with the reading level of your students.

1. I have more good times than bad times.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. I believe more good things than bad things will happen to me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. I start most days thinking I will have a good day.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. In general, I like being the way I am.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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5. Overall, I have a lot to be proud of.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. A lot of things about me are good.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. I feel unhappy a lot of the time.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. I feel upset about things.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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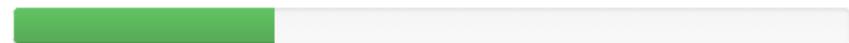
9. I feel that I do things wrong a lot.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. I worry about what other kids might be saying about me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I worry a lot that other people might not like me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I worry about being teased.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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13. Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?

a) Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge.	Not at all	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Not being able to stop or control worrying.	Not at all	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How difficult have these problems made it for you to do your school work, get tasks done at home, or get along with other people?	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

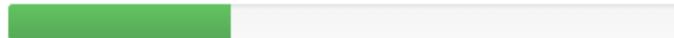


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14. In most ways my life is close to the way I would want it to be.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. The things in my life are excellent.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I am happy with my life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. If I could live my life over, I would have it the same way.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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19. Are there any adults who are **IMPORTANT TO YOU** at your **school**?

No Yes

If you answered 'Yes' to the question above, we would like you to put in the initial (the first letter in the person's first OR last name) for ALL of the adults who are **important to you** at your **school**. For example, if your teacher's name is Mr. Reed, you can just type an 'R' in the space, or if your supervision aide's name is Jane, you can just type in the letter 'J' in the space. You do not have to fill in all six spaces.



Person 1



Person 2



Person 3



Person 4



Person 5

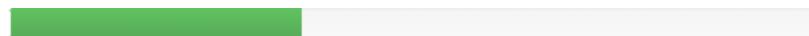


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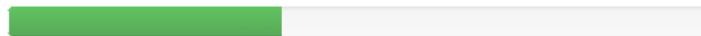


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How true is each statement for you?

At my school, there is a teacher or another adult...

20. ... who really cares about me.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
21. ... who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
22. ... who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>



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The next three questions are about your parents (or guardians) or other adults who live in your home. Parents can be biological parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, same-sex parents, or foster parents.

In my home, there is a parent or another adult...

23. ... who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
24. ... who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
25. ... who I can talk to about my problems.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>

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In my neighbourhood/community (not from your school or family), there is an adult...

26. ... who really cares about me.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
27. ... who believes that I will be a success.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>
28. ... who listens to me when I have something to say.	Not at all true <input type="radio"/>	A little true <input type="radio"/>	Pretty much true <input type="radio"/>	Very much true <input type="radio"/>

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Please answer the following questions about you and your friend(s) and your school.

29. I feel part of a group of friends that do things together.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>
30. I feel that I usually fit in with other kids around me.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>
31. When I am with other kids my age, I feel I belong.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>
32. I have at least one really good friend I can talk to when something is bothering me.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>



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33. I have a friend I can tell everything to.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
34. There is somebody my age who really understands me.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
35. I am certain I can learn the skills taught in school this year.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
36. If I have enough time, I can do a good job on all my school work.	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
37. Even if the work in school is hard, I can learn it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38. Teachers and students treat each other with respect in this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
39. People care about each other in this school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40. Students in this school help each other, even if they are not friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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41. I feel like I belong in this school.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. I feel like I am important to this school.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Don't agree or disagree	Agree a little	Agree a lot
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

43. This school year, how often have you been treated unfairly by others because of your ethnic, racial or cultural background?

	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Important definition: Bully - There are a lot of different ways to bully someone, but a bully has some advantage (stronger, more popular, or something else), wants to hurt the other person (it's not an accident), and does so repeatedly (over and over again) and unfairly. Sometimes a group of students will bully another student.

The next four questions might make you feel uncomfortable, but it is important for us to know. Please answer the questions honestly.

This school year, how often have you been bullied by other students in the following ways?

	Not at all this school year	Once or a few times	About every month	About every week	Many times a week
44. <u>Physical bullying</u> (for example, someone hit, shoved, or kicked you, spat at you, beat you up, or damaged or took your things without permission).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45. <u>Verbal bullying</u> (for example, someone called you names, teased, embarrassed, threatened you, or made you do things you didn't want to do).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
46. <u>Social bullying</u> (for example, someone left you out, excluded you, gossiped and spread rumors about you, or made you look foolish).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
47. <u>Cyberbullying</u> (for example, someone excluded, threatened, embarrassed or hurt you online or through text messages).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The next questions ask about your health. Sometimes children your age may feel that these kinds of questions are uncomfortable to answer.

Remember you are helping us to learn more about the health of children your age in Canada:

48. In general, how would you describe your health?

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49. In general, how would you say your mental health is?

Poor Fair Good Excellent

50. In the past year, did you get professional help for any mental health or emotional challenges?

No, because I didn't need help No, I didn't get help when I needed it Yes, I got help when I needed it

If you did get help in the past year for mental health or emotional challenges, who did you get help from? (Select all that apply.)

- A doctor
- A nurse
- A psychiatrist
- Someone at a hospital, emergency room, or urgent care clinic
- A school counselor
- A psychologist or counselor outside of school
- A social worker
- Other
- I don't know

50. In the past year, did you get professional help for any mental health or emotional challenges?

No, because I didn't need help



No, I didn't get help when I needed it



Yes, I got help when I needed it



If you did not get help when you needed it, what are the reasons you did not get help? (Select all that apply.)

- I thought I could manage it myself
- I didn't know where to get help
- I never got around to it (for example, too busy)
- It would have been hard to schedule
- I tried but the wait was too long
- I am on a waitlist
- I didn't think professional help would do any good
- It was going to cost too much
- Getting there was a problem
- I was afraid of what others would think of me
- My parent/guardian(s) would not take me
- I didn't want my parent/guardian(s) to know
- Past negative experience(s) when trying to get help
- Other

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If students who typically spend time in two different households ask how to answer this question, a possible response is to ask, "In a typical week, how do you regularly get to/get home from school?"

51. a) How do you usually get TO school:

Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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51. b) How do you usually get home FROM school:

Car	School bus	Public transportation (public bus, train or ferry)	Walk	Cycle, skateboard, scooter, or rollerblade	Something else
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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52. How often do you eat breakfast?	Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day	◀
	<input type="radio"/>								
53. How often do your parents or other adult family members eat meals with you?	Never	Once a week	2 times a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week	6 times a week	Every day	◀
	<input type="radio"/>								
54. In the past year, did you go to bed hungry because there wasn't enough food at home?	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very often				◀
	<input type="radio"/>								

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55. The next questions ask about THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES you ate YESTERDAY. ▶

a) YESTERDAY, how many servings of fruit (fresh, frozen, canned, and dried) did you eat? DO NOT count juices or drinks.

None	1 serving	2 servings	3 servings	4 servings	5 or more servings	◀
<input type="radio"/>						

1 serving of FRUIT is about the size of your fist, and could be 1 apple or orange, 1 banana, half cup berries, 20 cherries or grapes, or a few pieces of dried fruit.

b) YESTERDAY, how many servings of vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned) did you eat? DO NOT count vegetable juices or french fries.

None	1 serving	2 servings	3 servings	4 servings	5 or more servings	◀
<input type="radio"/>						

1 serving of VEGETABLES is about the size of your fist, and could be half cup of broccoli, 1 cup of lettuce or spinach, half cup of green beans, half cup of sweet potatoes, or half cup of bok choy.

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56. The next questions ask about your other eating habits. When answering, please answer based on what you eat in a **NORMAL WEEK**. Think about all meals such as breakfast, lunch, dinner/supper, and snacks.

a) In a normal week, how often do you eat sugary foods (for example, cookies, cake, ice cream, chocolate, candy, sugary breakfast cereal, or store-bought muffins, protein bars, or granola bars)?

Never Once a week 2 times a week 3 times a week 4 times a week 5 times a week 6 times a week Every day

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b) In a normal week, how often do you eat salty snacks (for example, chips, crackers, pretzels or popcorn)?

Never Once a week 2 times a week 3 times a week 4 times a week 5 times a week 6 times a week Every day

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c) In a normal week, how often do you have a sweet drink (for example, iced tea, fruit juice, pop or soda, hot chocolate, sweet tea or coffee drinks like bubble tea or blended iced coffee, or energy or sports drinks)?

Never Once a week 2 times a week 3 times a week 4 times a week 5 times a week 6 times a week Every day

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57. How often do you get a good night's sleep?

Never Once a week 2 times a week 3 times a week 4 times a week 5 times a week 6 times a week Every day

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58. What time do you usually wake up during the weekdays?

Before 6:00am Between 6:00am and 7:00am Between 7:00am and 8:00am After 8:00am

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59. What time do you usually go to bed during the weekdays?

Before 9:00pm Between 9:00pm and 10:00pm Between 10:00pm and 11:00pm Between 11:00pm and midnight After 12:00am/midnight

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60. I spend time on my phone or other electronic devices before I go to sleep.

Never Rarely Sometimes Often Very often

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74% complete

61. When thinking of your friends and classmates, how common is it that people your age...

a) ...vape?

Not at all common Somewhat common Quite common Very common

b) ...use tobacco products (for example, cigarettes)?

Not at all common Somewhat common Quite common Very common

c) ...drink alcohol?

Not at all common Somewhat common Quite common Very common

d) ...use other drugs (for example, cannabis)?

Not at all common Somewhat common Quite common Very common

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This point in the survey is a natural place to break.

77% complete

ABOUT MY OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME

62. On school days, how often do you go to these places after school?

a) I go home.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						
b) I stay at school to participate in after school activities (for example, sports, tutoring, clubs).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						
c) I go to an after school program/daycare (in my school or someplace else).	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						
d) I go to a friend's house.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						
e) I go to a library.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						
f) I go someplace else, for example, a family member's home, or other places.	Never	Once a week	Twice a week	3 times a week	4 times a week	5 times a week (every school day)	
	<input type="radio"/>						

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63. Are there places in your neighbourhood/community where you feel comfortable to hang out with friends?

No Yes Don't know

64. My neighbourhood is a place where neighbours help each other.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot

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Suggested clarification: "These questions are trying to ask you what you do during a normal week. If last week was different than normal – maybe you were sick or couldn't go to your regular activities – please answer the questions thinking of the most recent typical week for yourself."



82% complete

The next questions are about activities that are organized. That is, the questions are about activities that are planned and supervised by a teacher, instructor, adult, coach or volunteer.

65. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often do you spend time doing the following activities:

a) Educational lessons or activities (for example, tutoring, math, language school, or something else)?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

b) Art or music lessons (for example, drawing, painting, playing a musical instrument, or something else)?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

c) Youth organizations (for example, Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys and Girls Clubs, After School Care, or something else)?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

d) Individual sports with a coach or instructor (for example, swimming, dance, gymnastics, tennis, skating, or something else)?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

e) Team sports with a coach or instructor (for example, basketball, hockey, soccer, football, or something else)?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

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The next questions ask you about other activities you might do outside of school.

66. In a normal week, outside of school hours, how often do you spend time doing the following activities:

a) ... sports and/or exercise for fun (for example, playing outside, biking, skating, sledding, shooting hoops, swimming, yoga, dancing, or something else)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
b) ... do homework?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
c) ... read for fun?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
d) ... hang out with friends in person?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
e) ... play outside at a park, playground or in the neighbourhood?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
f) ... religious, spiritual or faith-based activities?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
g) ... cultural activities?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
h) ... volunteer (either at school or in the community)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								
i) ... work at a job (for example, babysitting, mowing the lawn)?	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	Every day	
	<input type="radio"/>								

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Physical activity is any activity that increases your heart rate and makes you out of breath some of the time.

Physical activity can be done in sports, school activities, playing with friends, or walking to school. Some examples of physical activity are running, fast walking, skating, biking, dancing, skateboarding, swimming, soccer, and basketball.

Let's try to add up all the time you spend in physical activity each day:

67. In a normal week, how many days are you physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes or one hour per day?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

68. In a normal week, how many days do you spend 30 or more minutes in nature?

Never 1 day 2 days 3 days 4 days 5 days 6 days Every day

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The next questions ask how many hours in a day you do an activity, rather than how many days a week.



69. In a normal week, how many hours per day do you...

a) ...sit and watch TV, movies, or videos, including YouTube?	I do not do this activity	<input type="radio"/>	Less than 1 hour	<input type="radio"/>	1 to 2 hours	<input type="radio"/>	2 to 3 hours	<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 hours	<input type="radio"/>	4 to 5 hours	<input type="radio"/>	5 hours or more	
b) ... play video or computer games?	I do not do this activity	<input type="radio"/>	Less than 1 hour	<input type="radio"/>	1 to 2 hours	<input type="radio"/>	2 to 3 hours	<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 hours	<input type="radio"/>	4 to 5 hours	<input type="radio"/>	5 hours or more	
c) ... hang out with friends on the phone, tablet or computer (for example, video call, text messaging)?	I do not do this activity	<input type="radio"/>	Less than 1 hour	<input type="radio"/>	1 to 2 hours	<input type="radio"/>	2 to 3 hours	<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 hours	<input type="radio"/>	4 to 5 hours	<input type="radio"/>	5 hours or more	
d) ... spend on social media sites or apps, such as Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok either browsing or posting?	I do not do this activity	<input type="radio"/>	Less than 1 hour	<input type="radio"/>	1 to 2 hours	<input type="radio"/>	2 to 3 hours	<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 hours	<input type="radio"/>	4 to 5 hours	<input type="radio"/>	5 hours or more	

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These questions ask you how much you agree or disagree with the statement. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers.

70. When I make a decision, I think about what might happen afterward.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

71. I take responsibility for my mistakes.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

72. I can say 'no' when someone wants me to do things that are wrong or dangerous.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

73. When I'm sad, I can usually start doing something that will make me feel better.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

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74. After I'm interrupted or distracted, I can easily continue working where I left off.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

75. I can calm myself down when I'm excited or upset.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

76. When I'm upset, I notice how I am feeling before I take action.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

77. I am aware of how my moods affect the way I treat other people.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot 

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78. When difficult situations happen, I can pause without immediately acting.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot

79. I believe I can make a difference in the world.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot

80. I try to make this world a better place.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot

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The next few questions ask about climate change and how it impacts your life. When we say 'climate change', we mean long-term changes in weather and its effects (for example, extreme heat/global warming, flooding, wildfires, storms).

81. Is climate change negatively impacting your mental health?

No, not at all Yes, a little Yes, somewhat Yes, quite a bit Yes, very much

82. I believe I can do things to help with the problem of climate change.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot I don't think climate change is a problem

83. I have people in my life (for example, friends, family, professionals) who can support me if I feel stressed about climate change.

Disagree a lot Disagree a little Don't agree or disagree Agree a little Agree a lot I don't feel stressed about climate change

84. My daily life (for example, hobbies, activities, summer plans) has been directly affected by climate change (for example, extreme weather/wildfire, changing environment).

No, not at all Yes, a little Yes, somewhat Yes, quite a bit Yes, very much

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85. I feel a strong attachment to my First Nation community or Nation.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	
86. It is important to me that I know my First Nation language.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	
87. I have participated in a cultural/religious ceremony (examples: Sweatlodge, Church services).	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	
88. Someone in my family or someone I am close with attends cultural/religious ceremonies (examples: Sweatlodge, Church services).	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	
89. I have a traditional person, Elder, or mentor who I talk to.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	
90. When I am overwhelmed with my emotions, I look to my First Nation culture for help.	Disagree a lot <input type="radio"/>	Disagree a little <input type="radio"/>	Don't agree or disagree <input type="radio"/>	Agree a little <input type="radio"/>	Agree a lot <input type="radio"/>	

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Help for Students

Thank you for taking the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) survey. Some of the questions on this survey may have made you think of problems you are having, maybe with other students.

Below is an option to ask for help.

Clicking the first box below will send a private message to your teacher or principal who will follow up with you. If you would prefer not to talk to your teacher or principal, consider talking to a family member or your school counsellor. It is important for adults to know what's going on so that they can help you or other students who may be having trouble. You can also call the Kids HELP phone at 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868.

Would you like to talk to your teacher or principal about a problem you are having?

Yes, I would like to talk to my teacher or principal about a problem I am having

No, I do not need to talk to someone

Requests for help will be sent to your district email address, please follow your school's protocol for assisting students.