HUMAN EARLY LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

# THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI)

MDI SURVEY ADMINISTRATOR CHECKLIST



## The MDI is coming to your school in January/mid-March!

Your district has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional health, well-being and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI).

## The MDI at a glance

- a self-report questionnaire gathering children's voices in Grade 4 to 8
- measures aspects of children's social and emotional development and well-being that align with the BC Ministry of Education's New Curriculum on Personal and Social Competencies
- developed collaboratively with researchers, educators, community and children
- offers valid and reliable data on children's development and well-being to support action aimed at creating conditions in which children can flourish

## Please keep in mind....

1. The MDI is voluntary: children, parents, teachers and schools are free to withdraw from participating.
2. The MDI data will be provided to your school in a School Report, followed by a District Report.
3. This is a population-level tool—not an individual assessment.
4. Children's voices matter. The MDI lets children know that we value their thoughts and feelings, and provides an opportunity for self-reflection.

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604-822-1310

**District Contact:**






MDI Middle Years Development Instrument

**earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi**
**discovermdi.ca**

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## Important Links

**MDI Administration website**
(on Discover MDI)
discovermdi.ca/mdi-administration

**eMDI website**
(to administer the survey)
mdi.ubc.ca

**HELP-UBC website**
(for more information and School District reports)
https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi

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## Timeline & Checklist

**OCT**

- ☐ Mark your calendars. Schedule your MDI administration date and book your computer lab and/or laptops/tablets.

**NOV/DEC**

- ☐ Read the Survey Administrator Letter, the MDI Administration Guide and the MDI Instructional Survey.
- ☐ Inform Parents/Guardians! **Distribute Parent/Guardian Informed Passive Consent Letters at least 2 weeks before survey administration** (excluding winter break).

  i.e., to start on January 12, 2027, the opening date of the MDI, letter **must be distributed by mid-December.** Please adjust the administration time of the MDI according to when the parent/guardian letters went home.

**JAN/FEB**

- ☐ Attend optional training webinar January 7, 2027 at 3:15 pm (PCT). To sign up, visit: Webinar registration link
- ☐ Set up your password to access the eMDI website once you receive your login instructions (see Administrator Guide for more info).
- ☐ Watch MDI Training Video (~5 minutes)
- ☐ Tell your students about the MDI a week before administering the survey (see the Administrator Guide for more info).
- ☐ Review your Class Lists and add/delete/withdraw students as necessary before the Survey Administration.
- ☐ Print off student logins.
- ☐ Administer the MDI. Students complete the survey online. The survey takes 45–60 minutes to complete. (See Instructional Survey for more info).
- ☐ Follow-up with student requests for help.
- ☐ Complete the Survey Administrator Feedback Form.

**APR**

- ☐ School reports are released on our eMDI website.