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#### **SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE**

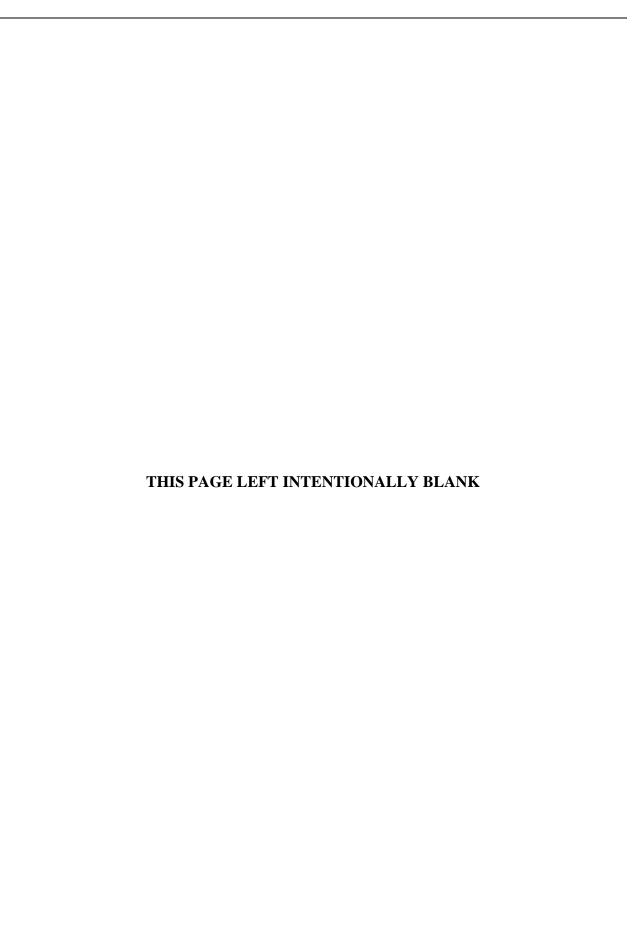


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This questionnaire asks for information about:

- The school's resources;
- The number of teachers in the school and their qualifications;
- Characteristics of the student body;
- The relationship the school has with the students;
- Some of the administrative structures within the school; and
- Some of the pedagogical practices of the school

The information may help to establish the impact of resource distribution on student achievements – both within and between countries.

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 estimation will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

Your answers will be kept confidential. Thank you.

#### **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.

When asked about all 15-year-old students, we have underlined the text to emphasize that it is this specific group that we wish you to think about.

Q 1	Which of the following best describes the community in which your school is located?
	Please check only one box.
	A rural area (fewer than 3,000 people) $\square$
	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)
	Close to the center of a city with over 1,000,000 people $\square_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$
	Elsewhere in a city with over 1,000,000 people
Q 2	As of March 31, 2000, what was the total school enrollment (number of students)?
	Please write in a number on each row or write 0 (zero) for none.
	a) Number of boys:
	b) Number of girls:
Q 3	Is your school a public or a private school?  Please check only one box.
	A public school
	A private school $\Box_2$ (This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a non-government organization; e.g., a church, trade union, business, other private institution.)

# Q 4 About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?

Please write in a number on each row or write 0 (zero) for none.

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a)	Government (includes departments, local, regional, state and national)	Percentage	
b)	Student fees or school charges paid by parents		
c)	Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships,		_ /0
	parent fund raising		_ %
d)	Other		_ %
	Total	100	%
Ar	e the following grade levels found in your	school?	
Ple	ease check one box on each row.		
		Yes	No
a) ]	Pre-Kindergarten		
b) ]	Kindergarten		
c) (	Grade 1	. $\square_1$	
d) (	Grade 2		
e) (	Grade 3	. $\square_1$	
f) (	Grade 4		
g) (	Grade 5		
h) (	Grade 6		
i) (	Grade 7		
j) (	Grade 8		
k) (	Grade 9		
1)	Grade 10		
m)	Grade 11		
n) (	Grade 12		
o) <sup>1</sup>	Ungraded	. 🔲	

Q 5

Q 6a	Does this school use some form of block	sched	duling?	
		Y	Yes N	Ю
		[		$\Box_2$
	If yes, please describe			
Q 6b	The following question refers to different instructional time for 15-year-old student	-		ıl.
	If 15-year-olds are in different programs or gramost of the 15-year-olds are enrolled.	des, cha	oose the on	e where
	Please write in a number on each row.			
	a) How many instructional weeks are there in the school	year?	we	eks
	b) How many <u>class periods</u> are there in the school <u>week</u>	?	cla	ss periods
	c) How many instructional <u>minutes</u> are there in the avera single <u>class period</u> ?		mi	nutes
Q 7	How often are the following factors cons are admitted to your school?	idered	when stu	udents
	Please check one box on each row.			
		Never	Sometimes	Always
	a) Residence in a particular area			$\square_3$
	b) Student's record of academic performance (including placement tests)			
	c) Recommendation of feeder schools			
	d) Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school			$\square_3$
	e) Whether the student requires or is interested in a special program			$\square_3$
	f) Preference given to family members of current or former students			
	g) Other			

In your school, what percenta studying each program?	ge of <u>15-year</u>	-old stude	ents is
Please write in a number on each i	ow or write 0 (z	gero) for no	ne.
		Percent	age
a) General studies			%
b) Vocational studies			%
c) Academic/college prep studies			%
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## Q 10 In your school, how likely is it that a <u>15-year-old student</u> would be transferred to another school because of:

Please check one box on each row.

Q 11

if students are never transferred, skip to Question 11.					
	Not likely	Likely	Very likely		
a) low academic achievement		$\square_2$			
b) high academic achievement		$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
c) behavioral problems					
d) special learning needs		$\square_2$			
e) parents' or guardians' requests		$\square_2$	$\square_3$		
f) other		$\square_2$			
In your school, how much is the lear hindered by:  Please check one box on each row.	rning of <u>1</u>	5-yea	<u>r-old stu</u>	<u>ıdents</u>	
	Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot	
a) poor condition of buildings?	$\square_1$			$\square_4$	
b) poor heating, cooling and/or lighting systems?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
c) inadequate science laboratory equipment?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
d) inadequate facilities for the fine arts?		$\square_2$		$\square_4$	
e) lack of instructional space (e.g., classrooms)?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
f) lack of instructional materials in the library?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
g) lack of text books and basic supplies?		$\square_2$		$\square_4$	
h) not enough computers for instruction?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
i) lack of multi-media resources for instruction?		$\square_2$		$\square_4$	
i) lack of discipline and safety					

### Q 12 For <u>15-year-old students</u>, does your school provide the following resources?

		Yes	No			
	a) Extra courses on academic subjects for gifted students					
	b) Special training for English as a second language	🗀				
	c) Special training in English for low achievers					
	d) Special courses in study skills for low achievers					
	e) Special tutoring by staff members	🗆				
	f) Room(s) where the students can do their homework with staff	help $\square_{_{1}}$				
Q 13	In your school, about how many computers are:  Please write in a number on each row or write 0 (zero) for none.					
		Total Number	Connected to Internet			
	a) in the school altogether?					
	b) available to 15-year-old students?					
	c) available only to teachers?					
	d) available only to administrative staff?					
	e) available to both teachers and administrative staff?					
	f) connected to a local area network (LAN, Intranet)?					

#### Q 14 In your school, how many full-time and part-time teachers:

A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a classroom teacher. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

Note that categories b) to j) are not mutually exclusive, so the total item a) may be less than the sum of items b) to j).

Please write in a number in each space provided or write 0 (zero) for none.

		Full-time	Part-time
a)	are there in TOTAL?		
b)	have a bachelor's or master's degree in education?		
c)	are fully certified as teachers?		
d)	teach English as their main assignment?		
e)	teach English as a second language as their main assignment?		
f)	have a bachelor's or master's degree with a major in English?		
g)	teach mathematics as their main assignment?		
h)	have a bachelor's or master's degree with a major in mathematics?		
i)	teach science as their main assignment?		
j)	have a bachelor's or master's degree		
	with a major in science?		

# Q 15 During the last three months, what percentage of teaching staff in your school have attended a program of professional development that lasted at least one day?

Professional development is a formal program designed to enhance teaching skills or pedagogical practices. It may or may not lead to a recognized qualification. The total length of the program must last for at least one day and have a focus on teaching and education.

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### Q 16 Generally, in your school how often are <u>15-year-old students</u> assessed using:

	Never	Once a Year	2 times a year	3 times a year	4 or more times a year
a) standardized tests?	. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$
b) teacher-developed tests?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_{5}$
c) teachers' judgmental ratings?	. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$
d) student portfolios?	. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$
e) student assignments/projects/					
homework?	. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$

# Q 17 In your school, about how often is information on the performance of <u>15-year-old students</u> formally communicated to:

	Ne	ever	Once a Year	2 times a year	3 times a year	4 or more times a year
	a) parents/guardians?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$
	b) school principal?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	
	c) local education authorities?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_{5}$
	d) State education authorities		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$
Q 18	In your school, are any assessmenused to:	nts o	f <u>15-y</u>	ear-old	d stud	<u>ents</u>
	Please check one box on each row.					
					Yes	No
	a) inform parents about their child's progress?.				. $\square_1$	
	b) make decisions about retention or promotion	n?			. $\square_1$	
	c) group students for instructional purposes?				. $\square_1$	
	d) compare the school to district performance?	?			. $\square_1$	
	e) compare the school to state performance?				. $\square_1$	$\square_2$
	f) compare the school to national performance	?			. $\square_1$	$\square_2$
	g) monitor the school's progress from year to y	/ear?			. 🔲	
	h) make judgements about teachers' effectivene	ess?			. $\square_1$	

### Q 19 In your school, is the learning of <u>15-year-old students</u> hindered by:

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
a)	low expectations of teachers?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
b)	student absenteeism?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
c)	poor student-teacher relations?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
d)	teacher turnover?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
e)	lack of parental support for student				
	learning at home?				$\square_4$
f)	disruption of classes by students?				$\square_4$
g)	teachers not meeting individual students'				
	needs?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
h)	teacher absenteeism?				$\square_4$
i)	students skipping classes?	$\square_1$			$\square_4$
j)	students lacking respect for teachers?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
k)	staff resisting change?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
1)	not enough instructional time?	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$
m)	student use of alcohol or illegal drugs?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
n)	teachers being too strict with students?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
o)	students intimidating or bullying other				
	students?	$\square_1$	$\square_2$		$\square_4$
p)	students not being encouraged to achieve their				
	full potential?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
q)	students coming from poor home				
	environments?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
r)	racial/ethnic tensions?			$\square_3$	$\square_{\!\scriptscriptstyle 4}$

# Q 20 Think about the teachers in your school. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly			Strongly
		disagree	Disagree	Agree	agree
	a) The morale of teachers in this school is high	$\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	b) Teachers work with enthusiasm	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	c) Teachers take pride in this school	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	d) Teachers value academic achievement			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
Q 21	In your school, is the learning of <u>15-ye</u> by:	ar-old :	students	<u>s</u> hinde	red
	Please check one box on each row.				
		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
	a) a shortage/inadequacy of fully certified teachers?	. $\square_1$	$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$
	b) a shortage/inadequacy of fully certified English teachers?	. 🔲	$\square_2$		
	c) a shortage/inadequacy of fully certified mathematics teachers?	. 🔲			
	d) a shortage/inadequacy of fully certified science	1	2	5	,
	teachers?	. $\square_1$		$\square_3$	
	e) a shortage/inadequacy of <b>support personnel</b> *				
	for classroom teachers?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
*Note:	<b>Support personnel</b> covers non-teaching staff provided professional support to teachers and students. Examplibrarians or educational media specialists, psychology who no longer have active teaching duties. It does Not indirect support in areas such as: building and maintenance catering etc.	les are sugists, inspector of cover	pervisors, o ectors, and personnel	counselors former te providing	s, achers

#### Q 22 In your school, who has the main responsibility for:

Please check as many boxes as appropriate on each row.

		a school nsibility	Superintendent	Appointed or elected board	Principal	Department head	Teachers
a)	hiring teachers?	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$	
b)	firing teachers?						
c)	establishing teachers' starting salaries?	$\square_1$			$\square_4$		
d)	determining teachers' salary increases?	$\square_1$		$\square_3$	$\square_4$		
e)	formulating the school budget?	$\square_1$			$\square_4$	<sub>5</sub>	
f)	deciding on budget allocations within the school?						
g)	establishing student disciplinary policies?		$\square_2$	$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_{5}$	
h)	establishing student assessment policies?		$\square_2$				
i)	approving students for admittance to school?		$\square_2$				
j)	choosing which textbooks are used?			$\square_3$	$\square_4$	$\square_5$	
k)	determining course content?			$\square_3$		$\square_5$	
l)	deciding which courses are offered?				$\square_4$		6

#### Thank you for completing this questionnaire

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