

**YEAR 2021-22 SATISFACTION WITH EDUCATION IN ALBERTA
PRINCIPAL ONLINE SURVEY INSTRUMENT**

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Thank you for your willingness to complete this principal online survey. This is a pilot survey similar to the previously conducted online survey of principals in 2021 that gathered opinions on the education system in Alberta. We are looking for information from principals about the level of satisfaction with Alberta's education system, and to find out possible areas that can be improved or looked into further.

Your answers are completely confidential and will be grouped together with others for reporting purposes on this online survey.

The surveys will be conducted in compliance with requirements of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy \(FOIP\) Act](#) of the Government of Alberta.



Detailed information about the survey:

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| <p>1. Where can I find out more about this survey? Please contact of Alberta Education at if you would like to know more about the survey. There is toll-free access to this number within Alberta if you dial 310-0000 first.</p> <p>2. Who is? is a survey research firm. We have been contracted by Alberta Education to conduct this survey to gather opinions on the education system in Alberta.</p> <p>3. Why did contact me? We are a Canadian company that conducts research for government and the education sector across the country. We have been contracted by Alberta Education to conduct this survey.</p> <p>4. How did you get my name? has received random samples of contact information from Alberta Education. We do not receive any information other than contact information about the survey participants. We are bound to manage all information in accordance with the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act</i> and our contractual obligations to Alberta Education.”</p> <p>5. How long is the survey? The online survey will take about 12 minutes to complete.</p> |
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Alberta Education recognizes that COVID-19 has resulted in an unprecedented school year and that this may impact your responses to the survey. The ministry thanks principals for their diligence as everyone works through the challenges of learning in a COVID-19 environment. Your experiences and opinions given throughout this survey will help us understand how well key aspects of the school system have worked during this school year.

An opportunity to provide comments relating to the current situation will be provided at the end of the survey.

Please remember your answers are completely confidential and will be grouped together with others for reporting purposes. You are free to refuse to answer any question at any time. Also remember that while answering the questions, please provide your opinions based on your role as a Principal.

When completing the survey, more information is available if you click/press on *[[Click/press anywhere to close this pop-up.]]*. Close the note box by clicking/pressing anywhere on the screen.

Please use the forward and back arrow buttons to go forward or backward between questions. If you wish to complete the survey at a later time, you may resume where you left off using the link sent to you.

(Click/press the right arrow below to continue.)

1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of education children/students are receiving in your school?
 - 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

2. In your opinion, has the quality of education in your school improved, stayed the same, or declined in the past three years?
 - 1 Improved
 - 2 Stayed the same
 - 3 Declined
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

3. In your opinion, has the quality of the Alberta Early Childhood Services (ECS) to Grade 12 system improved, stayed the same, or declined in the past three years?
 - 1 Improved
 - 2 Stayed the same
 - 3 Declined
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

4. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement?

The highest priority of Alberta's education system is the success of children/students.

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Children/students in your school find school work interesting
- b. Children/students in your school find school work challenging
- c. Children/students in your school clearly understand what they are expected to learn at school
- d. Children/students in your school are safe at school
- e. Children/students in your school are safe on the way to and from school
- f. Teachers in your school care about their students
- g. Children/students in your school are treated fairly by adults at their school
- h. Children/students in your school treat each other well at school

6. Would you agree or disagree that the curriculum focuses on what children/students need to learn in each of the following areas? [Rotate]

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Reading
- b. Writing
- c. Mathematics
- d. Science
- e. Social Studies

7. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the variety of subjects available to children/students in your school?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
8. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the opportunities children/students in your school have to learn about the following topics?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
 - a. Music
 - b. Drama
 - c. Art
 - d. Computers
 - e. Health
 - f. Another language (**Go to 8f1 if response is dissatisfied or very dissatisfied**)
- 8f1. (**If response to 8f is dissatisfied or very dissatisfied**) Which language should be taught that is currently not being offered? [**SELECT ALL THAT APPLY**]
- 1. French
 - 2. Spanish
 - 3. Aboriginal
 - 4. Mandarin/Cantonese
 - 5. German
 - 6. Dutch
 - 7. Filipino/Tagalog
 - 8. Arabic
 - 9. Japanese
 - 10. Panjabi
 - 11. Italian
 - 12. Ukrainian
 - 13. Russian

14. Sign Language

15. Other (please specify):

99. Don't know/Not applicable

9. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the opportunities children/students in your school have to participate in physical education?

1 Very satisfied

2 Satisfied

3 Dissatisfied

4 Very dissatisfied

8 Prefer not to answer

9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

10. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of teaching in your school?

1 Very satisfied

2 Satisfied

3 Dissatisfied

4 Very dissatisfied

8 Prefer not to answer

9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

11. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that **YOUR** input into the education of children/students is considered by Alberta Education?

1 Very satisfied

2 Satisfied

3 Dissatisfied

4 Very dissatisfied

8 Prefer not to answer

9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

12. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that the leadership at the provincial level effectively supports and facilitates teaching and learning?

1 Very satisfied

2 Satisfied

3 Dissatisfied

4 Very dissatisfied

8 Prefer not to answer

9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

13. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that students in your school are **taught** attitudes and behaviours to be successful at work when they leave school?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
14. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that students in your school **demonstrate** attitudes and behaviours to be successful at work when they leave school?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
15. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that Alberta's education system is contributing to children's/students' development of...?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- a. Social skills
 - b. Physical abilities
 - c. Emotional well-being
16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Children/students in your school are encouraged to be involved in activities that help the community
- b. Children/students in your school follow the rules
- c. Children/students in your school help each other when they can
- d. Children/students in your school respect each other
- e. Children/students can easily access programs and services at school to get help with school work
- f. Children/students in your school can get help with problems that are not related to school work
- g. When children/students need it, teachers in your school are available to help them
- h. Your school provides the learning resources, such as text books, software, audio and video materials, that meet children's/students' needs

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- a. Your school promotes physical activity
 - b. Children/students in your school are learning about how to stay healthy
[Note Button: Examples for learning about how to stay healthy are: to get plenty of sleep, eat nutritious foods, get plenty of exercise, and reduce stress. *Click/press anywhere to close this pop-up*]
 - c. Children/students in your school have healthy food choices in the cafeteria, canteen, vending machines, and at classroom and school events

18. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that the students in your school can access the following services in a timely manner at school when needed?

- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 8 Prefer not to answer
 - 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- a. Academic counselling
 - b. Supports for children/students with disabilities
 - c. Student assessment services for children/students with learning difficulties
 - d. Services (beyond regular instruction) that help children/students to read and write

19. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the following?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied

- 4 Very dissatisfied
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

a. The facilities in your school meet the learning needs of children/students

(Note Button: Facilities are things like science labs, computer labs, art rooms, and construction fabrication shops. *Click/press anywhere to close this pop-up*)

b. Your school has enough space to meet the learning needs of children/students

c. The equipment in your school meets the learning needs of children/students

(Note Button: Examples for equipment are: computer equipment, audio visual equipment, laboratory equipment, shop equipment, sports equipment, and musical equipment. *Click/press anywhere to close this pop-up*)

d. The gym, playground, and other facilities such as sports fields and fitness areas in your school meet the daily physical activity needs of children/students

20. Thinking back over the past three years, to what extent do you agree or disagree that professional development opportunities made available to teachers in your school have . . . ?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

a. Effectively addressed the professional development needs of teachers

b. Contributed significantly to the on-going professional development of teachers

c. Been focused on the priorities of the school

21. Would you agree or disagree that recent Bachelor of Education graduates are well prepared to meet their responsibilities as teachers?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

22. Would you agree or disagree that you are able to attract teachers to your school?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree

- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

23. Would you agree or disagree that you are able to retain teachers in your school?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

24. Would you agree or disagree that teachers' training has been adequate to meet the needs of children/students with special education needs?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

25. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that **YOUR** input into the education of children/students is considered by your school board?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

26. Would you agree or disagree that the school council in your school is fulfilling its advisory role?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

27. Would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to bullying in your school?

- 1 Strongly agree

- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Bullying is a serious problem in your school
- b. Children/students in your school report incidents of bullying to teachers or the school administration
- c. At your school, appropriate action is taken if a child/student is bullied

28. To what extent is the learning of children/students hindered by the following behaviours at your school?

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Very little
- 3 Some
- 4 A lot
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Intimidation or verbal abuse of teachers or staff
- b. Violence directed at teachers or staff

29. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 3 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. The school jurisdiction or school authority supports my efforts to create a safe environment in this school

30. And finally, would you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Agree
- 1 Disagree
- 4 Strongly disagree
- 8 Prefer not to answer
- 9 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- a. Alberta's education system uses research and consultation with Albertans to guide policy decisions
- b. Alberta's education system ensures access to quality education to all children/students regardless of where they live

- c. Alberta's education system is accountable to the public
- d. Alberta's education system communicates effectively with the public

Comment – Please enter any additional comments you would like to share (optional).

You have reached the end of the survey. On behalf of Alberta Education, thank you very much for your time and cooperation.