



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parent, Guardian or Caregiver,

The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is conducting a voluntary and confidential Student Census to better understand the backgrounds, experiences and needs of our students and communities. This collection of demographic data is a Ministry initiative that is intended to “foster policies, procedures and practices that are equitable and inclusive for ALL students — regardless of background, social identity or personal circumstances — and that support closing achievement and opportunity gaps.”

In fulfillment of its mission of educating and inspiring all students to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment, this census will help us better understand our students and their experiences in school and outside of school. The information that you provide will help us:

- Better understand the needs of our students and school communities.
- Address barriers to student well-being, achievement and success.
- Establish effective programs and allocate resources where they are needed the most.

**Parents of students in Kindergarten-Grade 6 attending York Catholic Elementary Schools in-person or remotely are invited to complete the online census, together with their child, between 11 March and 31 March 2021.**

Before you start the census, there are a few important things to note:

- The Parent Census should take about 15 minutes to complete.
  - Please complete this online census with your child. Their name should appear at the top of the email. If your child’s name is not on the email, please contact [census@ycdsb.ca](mailto:census@ycdsb.ca) to request the correct census package for your child. If you have more than one child in Kindergarten to Grade 6, you will receive a separate census email for each child. Please complete one census for each child according to the child’s name on each census email that you receive.
  - The YCDSB has a legal and ethical duty to protect participants’ confidentiality and privacy.
  - Reports will not single out or identify a student, parent/guardian or family and will only be reported in summary to provide an understanding of the needs of students and school communities.
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- Participation in the Parent Census is voluntary.
- If you or your child do not feel comfortable answering a question, please move on to the next question.
- No program or report card marks will be withheld from any students who do not have a completed Parent Census.

Please note that the Human Rights and Equity Survey, which you may have participated in December, provided a snapshot in time to help the Board identify the specific challenges and successes at each school under the Board's [Human Rights, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion pillars](#). This Student Census is focused on gathering information about who our students are and their experiences to better understand the backgrounds, experiences and needs of our students and school communities.

Translated versions of the online Parent Census are currently available in the following languages: Arabic, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Tamil. Please contact [census@ycdsb.ca](mailto:census@ycdsb.ca) if other [translations](#) or paper format are required.

A summary report of the overall results of the census will be available on your child's school and Board website in Spring 2021. If you have any questions about the Parent Census, please contact your school principal. Should you have any questions about the data collection process, email [census@ycdsb.ca](mailto:census@ycdsb.ca) or phone 416-221-5051 ext. 13642.

Thank you for your continued support in helping all members of our school community feel safe, welcomed, respected and included in our schools.

Sincerely,



Robert Hofstatter  
Director of Education



Nalini Jugnundan  
Human Rights & Equity Advisor

The information you provide is collected under the authority of section 170(1)(6) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2 and will be used for educational and research purposes only. The information will be used, disclosed, and retained in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 56.