## SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PISA 2009

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This questionnaire asks for information including:

- The structure and organisation of the school;
- The student and teacher body;
- The school's resources;
- The school's instruction, curriculum and assessment;
- The school climate;
- The school policies and practices;
- The characteristics of the principal or designate.

This information helps illustrate the similarities and differences between groups of schools in order to better establish the context for students' test results. For example, the information provided may help to establish what effect the availability of resources may have on student achievement – both within and between countries.

### The questionnaire should be completed by the principal or designate. It should take about 30 minutes to complete.

For some questions specific expertise may be needed. You may consult experts to help you answer these questions.

If you do not know an answer precisely, your best estimate will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

Your answers will be kept confidential. They will be combined with answers from other principals to calculate totals and averages in which no one school can be identified.

## SECTION A: THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL

<school reminder note>

#### Q1 Do you have the following <grade> levels in your school?

	Yes	No
a) <grade 1=""></grade>		
b) <grade 2=""></grade>		
c) <grade 3=""></grade>		
d) <grade 4=""></grade>		
e) <grade 5=""></grade>		
f) <grade 6=""></grade>		
g) <grade 7=""></grade>		
h) <grade 8=""></grade>		
i) <grade 9=""></grade>		
j) <grade 10=""></grade>		
k) <grade 11=""></grade>		
1) <grade 12=""></grade>		
m) <grade 13=""></grade>		
n) <ungraded school=""></ungraded>		

Q2	Is your school a public or a private school?	
	(Please tick only one box)	
	A public school	
	(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a public education author government agency, or governing board appointed by government or elected public franchise.)	•
	A private school	
	(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a non-government organisation; e.g. a church, trade union, business, or other private institution	on.)
Q3	About what percentage of your total funding for a typic school year comes from the following sources?  (Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if no fund from that source.)	
		%
	a) Government (includes departments, local, regional, state and national)	
	b) Student fees or school charges paid by parents	
	c) Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fund raising	
	d) Other	
	Total	100%

## Q4 Which of the following definitions best describes the community in which your school is located?

	(Please tick only one box)		
	A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3 000 people)		
	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)	4	
	A large city (with over 1 000 000 people)		
Q5	We are interested in the options parents have what school for their children.	en choosing a	3
	Which of the following statements best descri schooling available to students in your location		
	(Please tick only one box)		
	There are two or more other schools in this area that compete for	or our students	
	There is one other school in this area that competes for our stud	lents	
	There are no other schools in this area that compete for our stud	lents	

### SECTION B: THE STUDENT AND TEACHER BODY

<school reminder note>

Q6		As at <february 1,="" 2009="">, what was the total (number of students)?</february>	school e	nrolment
		(Please write a number in each line. Write 0 (zero) į	f there are i	none.)
	a)	Number of boys:		
	b)	Number of girls:		
Q7		About what percentage of students in your s grade, at these <isced levels="">, last academ</isced>	•	eated a
		(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero grade. Tick the 'not available' box if the <isced is="" school.)<="" td="" your=""><td></td><td>-</td></isced>		-
			%	<isced level&gt; not available in this school</isced 
	a)	The approximate percentage of students repeating a grade at <isced 2=""> in this school last year was:</isced>		
	b)	The approximate percentage of students repeating a grade at <isced 3=""> in this school last year was:</isced>		<sub>996</sub>

# Q8 About how many students in <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> in your school have a <first language> that is not <the test language>?

	(Please tick only one box)			
	60% or more			
	40% or more but less than 60%			
	20% or more but less than 40%	$\square_3$		
	10% or more but less than 20%	$\square_4$		
	More than 0%, but less than 10%	$\square_5$		
	None			
	How many of the following teaches school?	ers are on the	e staff of y	<b>your</b>
	•	full-time teacher is	employed at le	east 90% of
	school?  Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A	full-time teacher is ther teachers shoul	employed at le ld be considere	east 90% of ed part-time.
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#### **SECTION C: THE SCHOOL'S RESOURCES**

#### <school reminder note>

The goal of the following set of three questions is to gather information about the student-computer ratio for students in the <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> at your school.

		Number
Q10a	At your school, what is the total number of students in the <national 15-year-olds="" for="" grade="" modal="">?</national>	
Q10b	Approximately, how many computers are available for these students for educational purposes?	
Q10c	Approximately, how many of these computers are connected to the Internet/World Wide Web?	

## Q11 Is your school's capacity to provide instruction hindered by any of the following issues?

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
a)	A lack of qualified science teachers			$\square_{_{3}}$	
b)	A lack of qualified mathematics teachers			$\square_{_{3}}$	
c)	A lack of qualified <test language=""> teachers</test>			$\square_{_{3}}$	
d)	A lack of qualified teachers of other subjects			$\square_{_{3}}$	
e)	A lack of library staff			$\square_{_{3}}$	
f)	A lack of other support personnel			$\square_{_{3}}$	
g)	Shortage or inadequacy of science laboratory equipment			$\square_3$	$\Box_4$
h)	Shortage or inadequacy of instructional materials (e.g. textbooks)			$\square_3$	
i)	Shortage or inadequacy of computers for instruction			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
j)	Lack or inadequacy of Internet connectivity			$\square_{_3}$	
k)	Shortage or inadequacy of computer software for instruction				
1)	Shortage or inadequacy of library materials			$\square_{_{3}}$	
m)	Shortage or inadequacy of audio-visual resources				

### SECTION D: SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

<school reminder note>

Q12	Some schools organise instruction differently for students with
	different abilities. What is your school's policy about this for
	students in <national 15-year-olds="" for="" grade="" modal="">?</national>

		For all subjects	subjects	Not for an subject
a) Studen classes	ats are grouped by ability into different			$\square_3$
b) Studen classes	ats are grouped by ability within their			$\square_3$

#### Q13 <This academic year>, which of the following activities does your school offer to students in the <national modal grade for 15-years-olds>?

		Yes	No
a)	Band, orchestra or choir		
b)	School play or school musical		
c)	School yearbook, newspaper or magazine		
d)	Volunteering or service activities, e.g. <national examples=""></national>		
e)	Book club		
f)	Debating club or debating activities		
g)	School club or school competition for foreign language, math or science		
h)	<academic club=""></academic>		
i)	Art club or art activities		
j)	Sporting team or sporting activities		
k)	Lectures and/or seminars (e.g. guest speakers such as writers or journalists)		
1)	Collaboration with local libraries		
m)	Collaboration with local newspapers		
n)	<country item="" specific=""></country>		

## Q14 Does your school offer any of the following options to students in <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> whose <first language> is not <the test language>?

		Yes	No
a)	These students attend regular classes and receive additional periods of instruction aimed at developing <test language=""> skills (e.g. reading literacy, grammar, vocabulary, communication)</test>		
b)	Before transferring to regular classes, these students attend a preparatory programme aimed at developing <test language&gt; skills (e.g. reading literacy, grammar, vocabulary, communication)</test 		
c)	Before transferring to regular classes, these students receive some instruction in school subjects through their <first language&gt;</first 		
d)	These students receive significant amounts of instruction in their <first language=""> aimed at developing proficiency in both languages</first>		
e)	Class size is reduced to cater to the special needs of these students		

# Q15 Generally, in your school, how often are students in <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> assessed using the following methods?

		Never		3 – 5 times a year	Monthly	More than once a month
a)	Standardised tests		$\square_2$	$\square_{_3}$	4	$\square_{_{5}}$
b)	Teacher-developed tests					
c)	Teachers' judgmental ratings					
d)	Student <portfolios></portfolios>				4	
e)	Student assignments/ projects/homework					

## Q16 In your school, are assessments of students in <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> used for any of the following purposes?

	Yes	No
a) To inform parents about their child's progress		
b) To make decisions about students' retention or promotion		$\square_{_2}$
c) To group students for instructional purposes		$\square_{_{2}}$
d) To compare the school to <district national="" or=""> performance</district>		$\square_{_2}$
e) To monitor the school's progress from year to year		
f) To make judgements about teachers' effectiveness		$\square_{_2}$
g) To identify aspects of instruction or the curriculum that could be improved		
h) To compare the school with other schools		

#### **SECTION E: SCHOOL CLIMATE**

<school reminder note>

### Q17 In your school, to what extent is the learning of students hindered by the following phenomenon?

		Not at all	Very little	To some extent	$_{lot}^{A}$
a)	Teachers' low expectations of students			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
b)	Student absenteeism			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
c)	Poor student-teacher relations				$\square_4$
d)	Disruption of classes by students				$\square_4$
e)	Teachers not meeting individual students' needs				$\square_4$
f)	Teacher absenteeism			$\square_3$	
g)	Students skipping classes		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
h)	Students lacking respect for teachers			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
i)	Staff resisting change			$\square_{_3}$	4
j)	Student use of alcohol or illegal drugs			$\square_{_3}$	$\square_4$
k)	Teachers being too strict with students			$\square_3$	$\square_4$
1)	Students intimidating or bullying other students		$\square_{_2}$	$\square_3$	
m)	Students not being encouraged to achieve their full potential			$\square_3$	

### Q18 Which statement below best characterises parental expectations towards your school?

(Please tick only one box)	
There is <i>constant pressure</i> from many parents, who expect our school to set very high academic standards and to have our students achieve them	
Pressure on the school to achieve higher academic standards among students comes from a <i>minority of parents</i>	
Pressure from parents on the school to achieve higher academic standards among students is <i>largely absent</i>	

#### **SECTION F: SCHOOL POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

<school reminder note>

### Q19 How often are the following factors considered when students are admitted to your school?

	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			$\square_3$
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 programme			$\square_3$
f) Preference given to family members of current or former students			$\square_3$
g) Other			

# Q20 In your school, how likely is it that a student in <national modal grade for 15-year-olds> would be transferred to another school because of the following reasons?

(Please tick one box in each row)

**Q21** 

	If students are never transferred, go to	o Q21			
		Not likely	Likely	Very	likely
a)	Low academic achievement				$\square_3$
b)	High academic achievement				$\Box_3$
c)	Behavioural problems				$\square_3$
d)	Special learning needs				$\Box_3$
e)	Parents' or guardians' request				$\square_3$
f)	Other				$\Box_3$
	This set of questions explores a <accountability> to parents.  (Please tick one box in each row)</accountability>	spects of th	ne school's	S	
				Yes	No
a)	Does your school provide information to par- <national 15-year-olds="" for="" grade="" modal=""> on performance relative to other students in <na- year-olds&gt; in your school?</na- </national>	their child's aca	demic		
b)	Does your school provide information to par <national 15-year-olds="" for="" grade="" modal=""> on performance relative to national or regional</national>	their child's aca	demic		
c)	Does your school provide information to par performance of students in <national modal<br="">a group relative to students in the same grad</national>	grade for 15-year	ar-olds> as		

#### In your school, are achievement data used in any of the following <accountability procedures>? **Q22**

Achievement data include aggregated school or grade-level test scores or

	grades, or graduation rates.				
	(Please tick one box in each row)				
				Yes	No
	a) Achievement data are posted publicly (e.g.	in the med	lia)		
	b) Achievement data are used in evaluation of	f the princi	pal's performance		
	c) Achievement data are used in evaluation of	f teachers'	performance		
	d) Achievement data are used in decisions aborallocation to the school	out instruc	tional resource		
	e) Achievement data are tracked over time by	an admini	strative authority		
Q23	During the last year, have any obeen used to monitor the practiteachers at your school?		_		
Q23	been used to monitor the practi		_		
Q23	been used to monitor the practiteachers at your school?  (Please tick one box in each row)		_		
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Q23	been used to monitor the practiteachers at your school?  (Please tick one box in each row)  a) Tests or assessments of student	ce of <t< th=""><th>est language&gt;</th><th></th><th></th></t<>	est language>		
Q23	been used to monitor the practiteachers at your school?  (Please tick one box in each row)  a) Tests or assessments of student achievement  b) Teacher peer review (of lesson plans,	ce of <t< th=""><th>est language&gt;</th><th></th><th></th></t<>	est language>		

### Q24 Regarding your school, who has a considerable responsibility for the following tasks?

(Please tick as many boxes as appropriate in each row)

		Principals	Teachers	<school governing board&gt;</school 	<regional or<br="">local education authority&gt;</regional>	National education authority
a)	Selecting teachers for hire					
b)	Firing teachers					
c)	Establishing teachers' starting salaries					
d)	Determining teachers' salaries increases					
e)	Formulating the school budget					
f)	Deciding on budget allocations within the school					
g)	Establishing student disciplinary policies					
h)	Establishing student assessment policies					
i)	Approving students for admission to the school					
j)	Choosing which textbooks are used					
k)	Determining course content					

1)		Principals	Teachers	<school governing board&gt;</school 	<regional or<br="">local education authority&gt;</regional>	National education authority
	Deciding which courses are offered					
Q25	Regarding your s direct influence o instructional conf	n decis	ion makiı	ng about s	staffing, bu	
	(Please tick as many	boxes as	s apply)			
				Area of i	nfluence	
			Staffing	Budgeting	Instructional content	Assessment practices
a)	Regional or national education authorities (e.g. inspectorates)					
b)	The school's <governing board=""></governing>	g				
c)	Parent groups					
d)	Teacher groups (e.g. Staff Association, curriculum committees, union)	trade				
e)	Student groups (e.g. Student Association)	n,				
f)	External examination boards					

# Q26 Below you can find statements about your management of this school. Please indicate the frequency of the following activities and behaviours in your school during the last school year.

		Never	Seldom	Quite often	Very often
d a	make sure that the professional development activities of teachers are in accordance with the teaching goals of the school				
a	ensure that teachers work ccording to the school's ducational goals				
c) I	observe instruction in classrooms			$\square_3$	
d	use student performance results to levelop the school's educational goals				
h	give teachers suggestions as to low they can improve their eaching				
f) I	monitor students' work				
h	When a teacher has problems in his/her classroom, I take the nitiative to discuss matters				
p	inform teachers about possibilities for updating their knowledge and skills				

		Never	Seldom	Quite often	Very often
i)	I check to see whether classroom activities are in keeping with our educational goals				
j)	I take exam results into account in decisions regarding curriculum development				
k)	I ensure that there is clarity concerning the responsibility for coordinating the curriculum				
1)	When a teacher brings up a classroom problem, we solve the problem together				
m)	I pay attention to disruptive behaviour in classrooms		$\square_{_{2}}$	$\square_3$	
n)	I take over lessons from teachers who are unexpectedly absent				

### **SECTION G: ABOUT YOU**

<b>Q27</b>	Are	you	female	or	male?
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Female Male  $\square_1$   $\square_2$ 

Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!