Thank you for participating in the PISA 2015 main study. This questionnaire asks for information about:

- School background
- School management
- Teaching staff
- Assessment and evaluation
- Targeted groups
- School climate
- Leaving Cert. exam subjects
- Student wellbeing and attendance.

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 nominee. It should take up to 45 minutes to complete.

For some questions (e.g. ICT facilities in the school, question on science teaching and learning) specific knowledge may be needed. You may consult with relevant staff in your school to help you answer these questions.

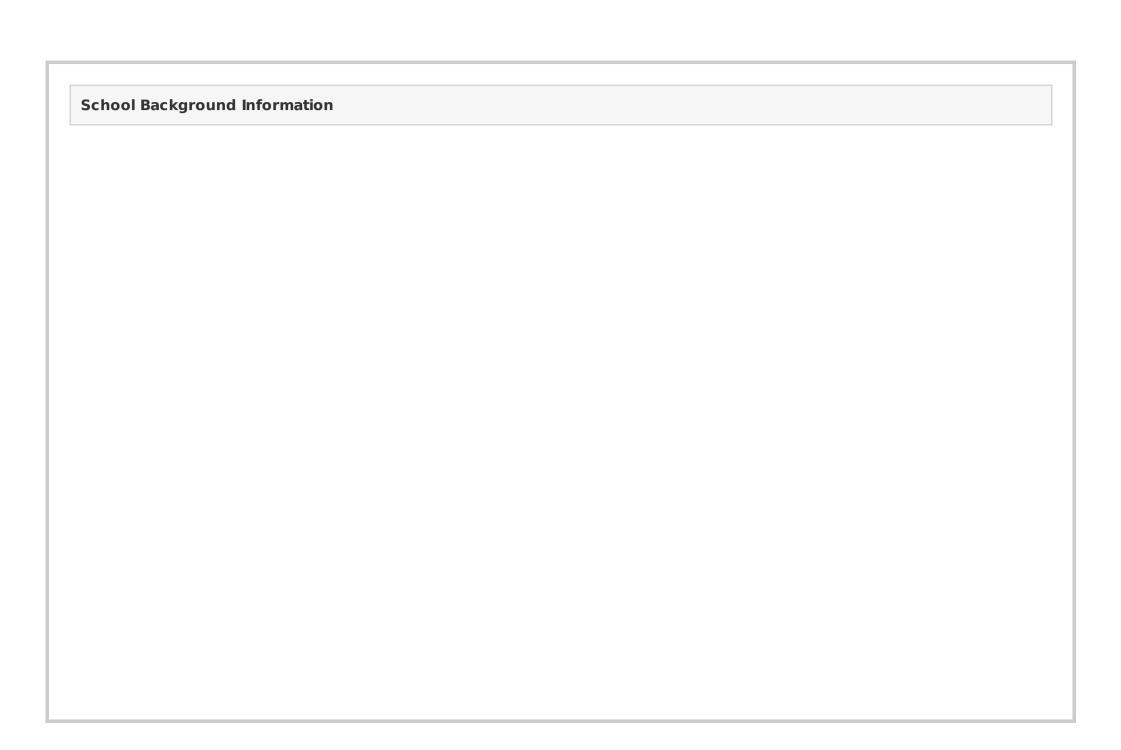
If you don't know the precise answer to some questions, your best estimate will be adequate for the purpose of the study.

Please note that the forward button used to proceed to the next question is located at the bottom right hand corner of your screen. In some instances you may need to scroll down to the bottom of your screen to access this forward button.

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.

To answer questions in this questionnaire, please consider the following definition:

School science includes Junior Certificate science, Transition Year modules or courses, and Leaving Certificate physics, chemistry, physics/chemistry combined, biology, and agricultural science. It does **not** include subjects such as mathematics or geography.



Which of the following definitions best describes the community in which your school is located?		
Please select one response.)		
A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3,000 people)	SC001Q01TA01	
A town (3,000 to about 15,000 people)	SC001Q01TA02	
large town (15,000 to about 100,000 people)	SC001Q01TA03	
A city (100,000 to about 1,000,000 people; this does NOT include Dublin)	SC001Q01TA04	
A large city (with over 1,000,000 people, i.e. Dublin)	SC001Q01TA05	

What was the total school enrolment (r	number of students) on the 1st of February 2015?	
Please enter a number for each response. Enter	"0" (zero) if there are none.)	
	SC002Q01TA01	
umber of boys:		
umber of girls:	SC002Q02TA01	

What is the average size of English classes in Third Year in your school?			
(Please select one response.)			
15 students or fewer	SC003Q01TA01		
16-20 students	SC003Q01TA02		
21-25 students	SC003Q01TA03		
26-30 students	SC003Q01TA04		
31-35 students	SC003Q01TA05		
36-40 students	SC003Q01TA06		
41-45 students	SC003Q01TA07		
46-50 students	SC003Q01TA08		
More than 50 students	SC003Q01TA09		



This question looks for information about ICTs, including the student-computer ratio for Third Years in the school. (Please enter a number for each response. Enter "0" (zero) if there are none.) Number How many students are there in Third Year in total? SC004Q01TA01 About how many computers are available for these students for educational purposes?

About how many computers are available for these students for educational purposes?	SC004Q02TA01
About how many of these computers have an Internet connection?	SC004Q03TA01
About how many of these computers are portable (e.g. laptop, tablet)?	SC004Q04NA01
Approximately how many interactive whiteboards are available in the school altogether?	SC004Q05NA01
Approximately how many data projectors are available in the school altogether?	SC004Q06NA01
Approximately how many computers with Internet connection are available for teachers <u>in your school?</u>	SC004Q07NA01

In the 2014-2015 school year, which of the following activities does your school undertake with Third Years?

	Yes	No
Band, orchestra or choir	SC053Q01TA01	SC053Q01TA02
School play or school musical	SC053Q02TA01	SC053Q02TA02
School yearbook, newspaper or magazine	SC053Q03TA01	SC053Q03TA02
Volunteering or service activities (e.g. community-based or charity work)	SC053Q04TA01	SC053Q04TA02
Science club	SC053Q05NA01	SC053Q05NA02
Science competitions (e.g. BT Young Scientist, SciFest)	SC053Q06NA01	SC053Q06NA02
Chess club	SC053Q07TA01	SC053Q07TA02
Club with a focus on computers/ Information and Communication Technology	SC053Q08TA01	SC053Q08TA02
Art club or art activities	SC053Q09TA01	SC053Q09TA02
Sporting team or sporting activities	SC053Q10TA01	SC053Q10TA02

Mathematics competitions (e.g. the Maths Olympics)	SC053Q11TA01	SC053Q11TA02

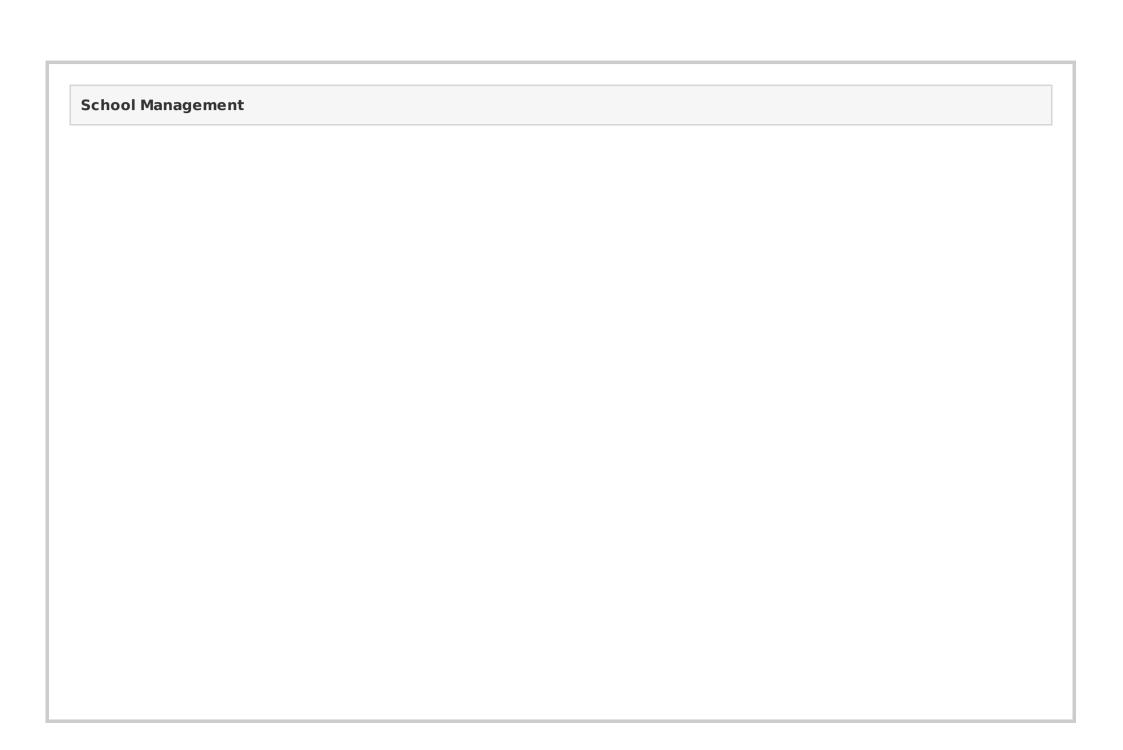
Which of the following are true for the science department of your school?

(Please select one response in each row. Skip this question if science is not taught in your school.)

	Yes	No
Compared to other departments, our school's science department is well equipped.	SC059Q01NA01	SC059Q01NA02
f we ever have some extra funding, a big share goes into improvement of our science teaching.	SC059Q02NA01	SC059Q02NA02
Science teachers are among our best educated staff members.	SC059Q03NA01	SC059Q03NA02
Compared to similar schools, we have a well-equipped science laboratory.	SC059Q04NA01	SC059Q04NA02
The material for hands-on activities in science is in good condition.	SC059Q05NA01	SC059Q05NA02
We have sufficient science laboratory material for all of the science courses that we offer.	SC059Q06NA01	SC059Q06NA02
We have extra science laboratory staff that helps support science teaching.	SC059Q07NA01	SC059Q07NA02
Our school spends extra money on up-to-date science equipment.	SC059Q08NA01	SC059Q08NA02

(In Ireland, about 60% of 15-year-olds are in Third Year, 25% in Transition Year, and 15% in Fifth Year.)

	Yes	No
Room(s) where the students can do their homework	SC052Q01NA01	SC052Q01NA02
Staff help with homework	SC052Q02NA01	SC052Q02NA02



Below are statements about your management of this school. Please indicate the frequency of the following activities and behaviours in your school during the 2014-2015 school year.

	Did not occur	1-2 times during the year	3-4 times during the year	Once a month	Once a week	More than once a week
I use student performance results to develop the school's educational goals.	SC009Q01TA01	SC009Q01TA02	SC009Q01TA03	SC009Q01TA04	SC009Q01TA05	SC009Q01TA06
I make sure that the professional development activities of teachers are in accordance with the teaching goals of the school.	SC009Q02TA01	SC009Q02TA02	SC009Q02TA03	SC009Q02TA04	SC009Q02TA05	SC009Q02TA06
I ensure that teachers work according to the school's educational goals.	SC009Q03TA01	SC009Q03TA02	SC009Q03TA03	SC009Q03TA04	SC009Q03TA05	SC009Q03TA06
I promote teaching practices based on recent educational research.	SC009Q04TA01	SC009Q04TA02	SC009Q04TA03	SC009Q04TA04	SC009Q04TA05	SC009Q04TA06
I praise teachers whose students are actively participating in learning.	SC009Q05TA01	SC009Q05TA02	SC009Q05TA03	SC009Q05TA04	SC009Q05TA05	SC009Q05TA06
When a teacher has problems in his/her classroom, I take the initiative to discuss matters.	SC009Q06TA01	SC009Q06TA02	SC009Q06TA03	SC009Q06TA04	SC009Q06TA05	SC009Q06TA06
I draw teachers' attention to the importance of pupils' development of critical and social capacities.	SC009Q07TA01	SC009Q07TA02	SC009Q07TA03	SC009Q07TA04	SC009Q07TA05	SC009Q07TA06
I pay attention to disruptive behaviour in	SC009Q08TA01	SC009Q08TA02	SC009Q08TA03	SC009Q08TA04	SC009Q08TA05	SC009Q08TA06

classrooms.	Ο	O	0	O	O	O
I provide staff with opportunities to participate in school decision-making.	SC009Q09TA01	SC009Q09TA02	SC009Q09TA03	SC009Q09TA04	SC009Q09TA05	SC009Q09TA06
I engage teachers to help build a school culture of continuous improvement.	SC009Q10TA01	SC009Q10TA02	SC009Q10TA03	SC009Q10TA04	SC009Q10TA05	SC009Q10TA06
I ask teachers to participate in reviewing management practices.	SC009Q11TA01	SC009Q11TA02	SC009Q11TA03	SC009Q11TA04	SC009Q11TA05	SC009Q11TA06
When a teacher brings up a classroom problem, we solve the problem together.	SC009Q12TA01	SC009Q12TA02	SC009Q12TA03	SC009Q12TA04	SC009Q12TA05	SC009Q12TA06
I discuss the school's academic goals with teachers at faculty meetings.	SC009Q13TA01	SC009Q13TA02	SC009Q13TA03	SC009Q13TA04	SC009Q13TA05	SC009Q13TA06

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

(Please select as many boxes as appropriate in each row.)

	Principal	Teachers	School Board of Management	ITB (formerly VEC)	Department of Education and Skills
Hiring teaching staff	SC010Q01TA01	SC010Q01TB01	SC010Q01TC01	SC010Q01TD01	SC010Q01TE01
Dismissing teachers	SC010Q02TA01	SC010Q02TB01	SC010Q02TC01	SC010Q02™01	SC010Q02TE01
Establishing teachers' starting salaries	SC010Q03TA01	SC010Q03TB01	SC010Q03TC01	SC010Q03™01	SC010Q03TE01
Determining teachers' salary increases	SC010Q04TA01	SC010Q04TB01	SC010Q04TC01	SC010Q04TD01	SC010Q04TE01
Formulating the school budget	SC010Q05TA01	SC010Q05TB01	SC010Q05TC01	SC010Q05™01	SC010Q05TE01
Deciding on budget allocations within the schools	SC010Q06TA01	SC010Q06TB01	SC010Q06TC01	SC010Q06™01	SC010Q06TE01
Establishing student disciplinary policies	SC010Q07TA01	SC010Q07TB01	SC010Q07TC01	SC010Q07™01	SC010Q07TE01
Establishing student assessment policies	SC010Q08TA01	SC010Q08TB01	SC010Q08TC01	SC010Q08™01	SC010Q08TE01
Approving students for admission to the school	SC010Q09TA01	SC010Q09TB01	SC010Q09TC01	SC010Q09™01	SC010Q09TE01

Choosing which textbooks are used	SC010Q10TA01	SC010Q10TB01	SC010Q10TC01	SC010Q10TD01	SC010Q10TE01
Determining course content	SC010Q11TA01	SC010Q11TB01	SC010Q11TC01	SC010Q11TD01	SC010Q11TE01
Deciding which courses are offered	SC010Q12TA01	SC010Q12TB01	SC010Q12TC01	SC010Q12TD01	SC010Q12TE01

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

Never	Sometimes	Always
SC012Q01TA01	SC012Q01TA02	SC012Q01TA03
SC012Q02TA01	SC012Q02TA02	SC012Q02TA03
SC012Q03TA01	SC012Q03TA02	SC012Q03TA03
SC012Q04TA01	SC012Q04TA02	SC012Q04TA03
SC012Q05TA01	SC012Q05TA02	SC012Q05TA03
SC012Q06TA01	SC012Q06TA02	SC012Q06TA03
SC012Q07TA01	SC012Q07TA02	SC012Q07TA03
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Please select one response.)	
public school	
This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a public education authority, government agency, or voverning board appointed by government or elected by public franchise. In general, vocational, community or comprehensive schools are categorised in this way.)	SC013Q01TA01
	SC013Q01TA02
private school	

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What kind of organisation runs your school?		
Please select one response.)		
A church or other religious organisation	SC014Q01NA01	
A non-religious not-for-profit organisation	SC014Q01NA02	
A for-profit organisation	SC014Q01NA03	

About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?				
Total funding should include teacher salaries.				
(Please enter a number for each response. Enter "0" (zero) if there are none.)				
	%			
Government (includes departments, local, regional and national)	SC016Q01TA01			
Mandatory student fees or charges paid by parents	SC016Q02TA01			
<u>Voluntary</u> contributions or donations, bequests, sponsorships, or parent fund-raising	SC016Q03TA01			
Other	SC016Q04TA01			

Consistency check rule

Rule: If ($^SC016Q01TA01 + ^SC016Q02TA01 + ^SC016Q03TA01 + ^SC016Q04TA01$) >100 OR ($^SC016Q01TA01 + ^SC016Q02TA01 + ^SC016Q03TA01 + ^SC016Q04TA01$) < 100

Message: Sum does not add to 100%. Please check your response.

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 lack of teaching staff.	SC017Q01NA01	SC017Q01NA02	SC017Q01NA03	SC017Q01NA04
Inadequate or poorly qualified teaching staff.	SC017Q02NA01	SC017Q02NA02	SC017Q02NA03	SC017Q02NA04
A lack of instructional support personnel.	SC017Q03NA01	SC017Q03NA02	SC017Q03NA03	SC017Q03NA04
Inadequate or poorly qualified instructional support personnel.	SC017Q04NA01	SC017Q04NA02	SC017Q04NA03	SC017Q04NA04
A lack of educational material (e.g. textbooks, IT equipment, library or laboratory materials).	SC017Q05NA01	SC017Q05NA02	SC017Q05NA03	SC017Q05NA04
Inadequate or poor quality educational material (e.g. textbooks, IT equipment, library or laboratory materials).	SC017Q06NA01	SC017Q06NA02	SC017Q06NA03	SC017Q06NA04
A lack of physical infrastructure (e.g. building, grounds, heating/cooling, lighting and acoustic systems).	SC017Q07NA01	SC017Q07NA02	SC017Q07NA03	SC017Q07NA04
Inadequate or poor quality physical infrastructure (e.g. building, grounds, heating/cooling, lighting and acoustic systems).	SC017Q08NA01	SC017Q08NA02	SC017Q08NA03	SC017Q08NA04





Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a teacher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

Regarding the qualification level, please refer only to the teacher's **highest qualification level**.

(Please enter a number in each space provided. Enter "0" (zero) if there are none.)

	Full-time	Part-time
Teachers in TOTAL	SC018Q01TA01	SC018Q01TA02
Teachers fully certified by the Department of Education and Skills or other appropriate authority	SC018Q02TA01	SC018Q02TA02
Teachers with an Honours Bachelor Degree or equivalent	SC018Q05NA01	SC018Q05NA02
Teachers with a Masters Degree or equivalent	SC018Q06NA01	SC018Q06NA02
Teachers with a Doctoral Degree	SC018Q07NA01	SC018Q07NA02

How many members of your teaching staff are on the science teaching staff in your school?

Include both full-time and part-time teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least 90% of the time as a teacher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.

A **science** teacher refers to a member of staff who teaches Science at Junior Cycle, and/or Physics, Chemistry, Physics/Chemistry combined, Biology or Agricultural Science at Senior Cycle.

(Please enter a number in each space provided. Enter "0" (zero) if there are none.)

	<i>Full-time</i>	Part-time
Science teachers in TOTAL	SC019Q01NA01	SC019Q01NA02
Science teachers fully certified by the Department of Education and Skills or other appropriate authority	SC019Q02NA01	SC019Q02NA02
Science teachers with at least an Honours Bachelor Degree or equivalent (e.g. B.Sc. and H.Dip.) in science eduction	SC019Q03NA01	SC019Q03NA02

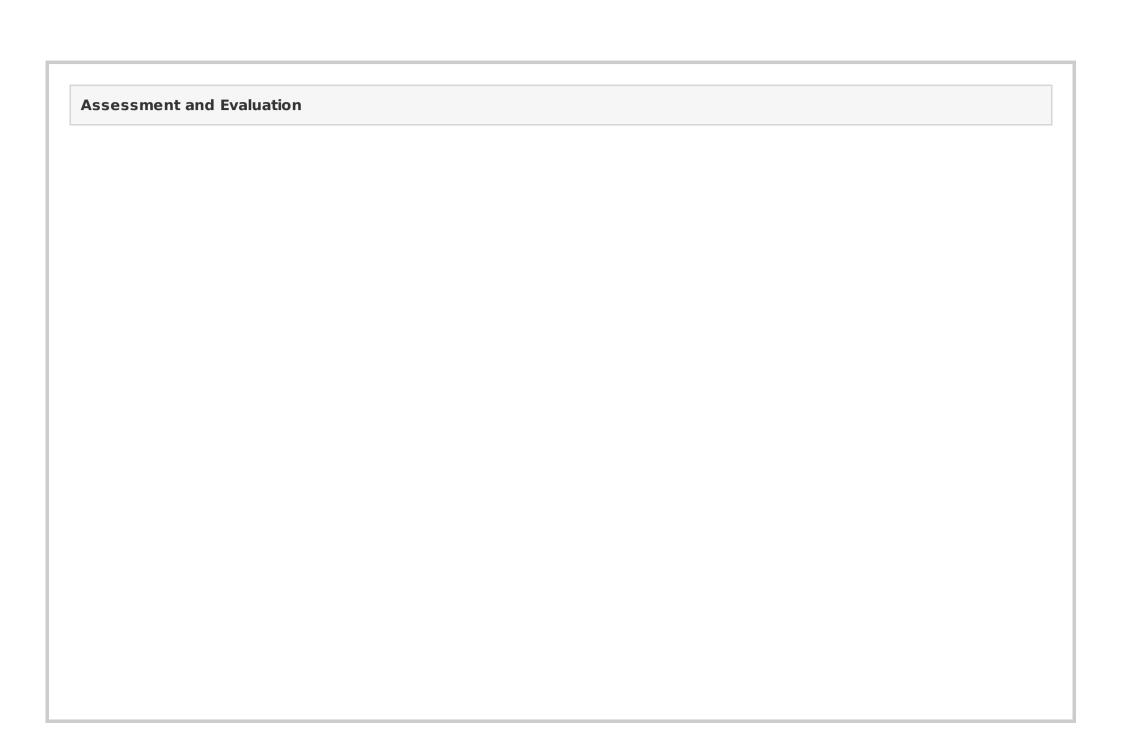
During the last three months, what percentage of teaching staff in your school has attended a programme of professional development?

A programme of professional development here is a formal programme designed to enhance teaching skills or pedagogical practices. It may or may not lead to a recognised qualification. The programme must last for at least one day in total and have a focus on teaching and education.

(Please move the slider to the appropriate percentage. If none of your teachers participated in any professional development activities select "0" (zero).)

Which of the following types of in-house professional development are in place at your school?

	Yes	No
The teachers in our school collaborate by exchanging ideas or material when teaching specific units or series of lessons.	SC027Q01NA01	SC027Q01NA02
Our school invites specialists to conduct in-service training for teachers.	SC027Q02NA01	SC027Q02NA02
Our school organises in-service workshops which deal with specific issues that our school faces.	SC027Q03NA01	SC027Q03NA02
Our school organises in-service workshops for specific groups of teachers (e.g. newly appointed teachers).	SC027Q04NA01	SC027Q04NA02



During the 2014-2015 school year, have an	y of the following me	ethods been used to me	onitor the practice of	teachers
at your school?				

	Yes	No
Tests or assessments of student achievement	SC032Q01TA01	SC032Q01TA02
Teacher peer review (of lesson plans, assessment instruments, lessons)	SC032Q02TA01	SC032Q02TA02
Principal or senior staff observations of lessons	SC032Q03TA01	SC032Q03TA02
Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school	SC032Q04TA01	SC032Q04TA02

Generally, in your school, how often are students in Third Year assessed using the following methods?

(If you need further explanation of the term "standardised tests", please use the help button.)

(Please select one response in each row.)

Standardised tests are consistent in design, content, administration and scoring. Results can be compared across students and schools.

	Never	1 – 2 times a year	3 – 5 times a year	Monthly	<i>More than once a month</i>
Mandatory standardised tests (e.g. the Junior Certificate Examination)	SC034Q01TA01	SC034Q01TA02	SC034Q01TA03	SC034Q01TA04	SC034Q01TA05
Publicly or commercially available non-mandatory standardised tests (e.g. the Drumcondra Reasoning Test, DRT; the Cognitive Abilities Test, CAT)	SC034Q02TA01	SC034Q02TA02	SC034Q02TA03	SC 034Q02TA04	SC034Q02TA05
Teacher-developed or teacher instigated tests (this can include mock examinations)	SC034Q03TA01	SC034Q03TA02	SC034Q03TA03	SC034Q03TA04	SC034Q03TA05
Teachers' overall ratings (judgements)	SC034Q04TA01	SC034Q04TA02	SC034Q04TA03	SC034Q04TA04	SC034Q04TA05

Branching rule

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In your school, are assessments of Third Year students used for any of the following purposes?

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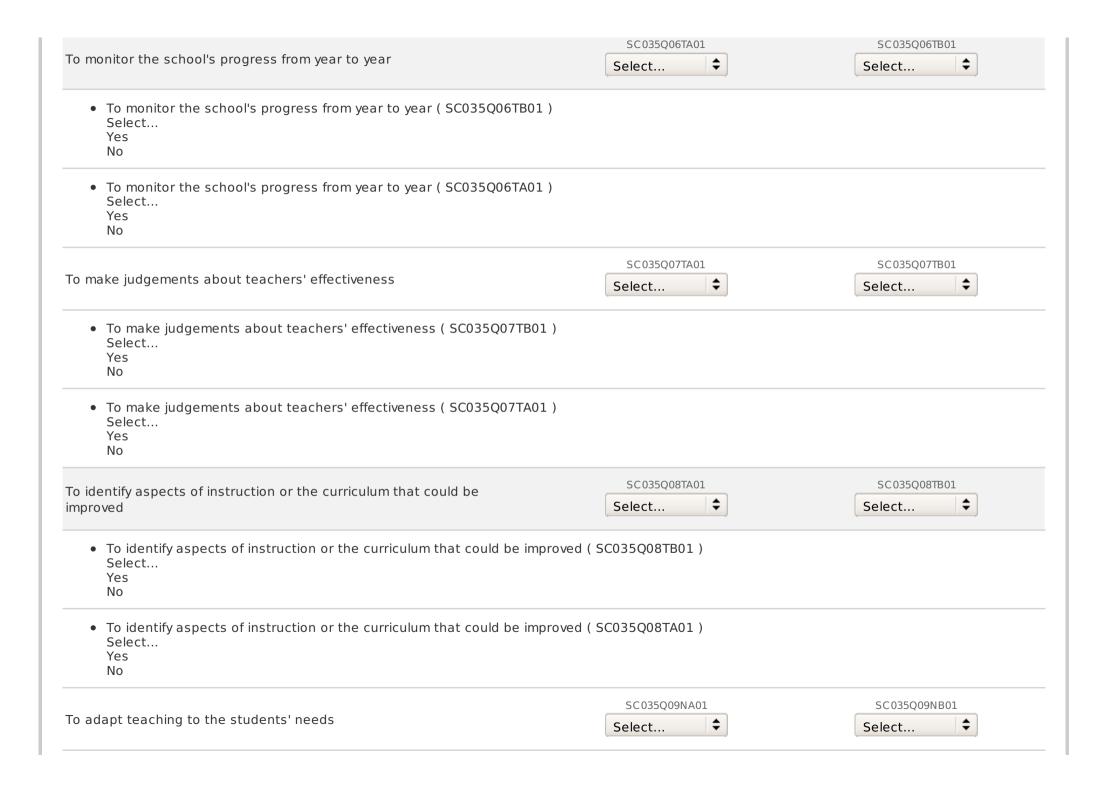
(If you need further explanation of the term "standardised tests", please use the help button. Remember to include the Junior Cert. Exam. as a standardised test.)

(Please select either "yes" or "no" to indicate the use of standardised tests and teacher-developed tests for each of the specified purposes.)

The term standardised tests includes standardised mandatory tests (mandated e.g. by national or regional authorities) as well as standardised non-mandatory tests (e.g. publicly or commercially available standardised test material). These tests are consistent in design, content, administration and scoring. Results can be compared across students and schools.

	Standardised tests	Teacher-developed tests
	SC035Q01NA01	SC035Q01NB01
To guide students' learning (i.e. assessment for learning)	Select 💠	Select
 To guide students' learning (i.e. assessment for learning) (SC035Q01NB0 Select Yes No 	1)	
 To guide students' learning (i.e. assessment for learning) (SC035Q01NA0 Select Yes No 	1)	
To inform parents about their child's progress	SC035Q02TA01 Select \$\\$\\$\\$	SC035Q02TB01 Select
 To inform parents about their child's progress (SC035Q02TB01) Select 		

Yes No			
	SC035Q03TA01	SC035Q03TB01	
o make decisions about students' retention or promotion	Select 💠	Select 💠	
 To make decisions about students' retention or promotion (SC035Q03 Select Yes No 	BTB01)		
 To make decisions about students' retention or promotion (SC035Q03 Select Yes No 	BTA01)		
o group students for instructional purposes	SC035Q04TA01 Select \$	SC035Q04TB01 Select \$	
 To group students for instructional purposes (SC035Q04TB01) Select Yes No 			
 To group students for instructional purposes (SC035Q04TA01) Select Yes No 			
o compare the school to national performance	SC035Q05TA01 Select	SC035Q05TB01 Select	
 To compare the school to national performance (SC035Q05TB01) Select Yes No 			
 To compare the school to national performance (SC035Q05TA01) Select Yes No 			



 To adapt teaching to the students' needs (SC035Q09NB01) Select Yes No 		
 To adapt teaching to the students' needs (SC035Q09NA01) Select Yes No 		
To compare the school with other schools	SC035Q10TA01 Select	SC035Q10TB01 Select
 To compare the school with other schools (SC035Q10TB01) Select Yes No 		
 To compare the school with other schools (SC035Q10TA01) Select Yes No 		
To award certificates to students	SC035Q11NA01 Select	SC035Q11NB01 Select \$
 To award certificates to students (SC035Q11NB01) Select Yes No 		
 To award certificates to students (SC035Q11NA01) Select Yes No 		

In y	our school, are	e achievement d	data used in	any of the	following	accountability	procedures?
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Achievement data include **aggregated** school or grade-level test scores or grades, or graduation rates.

	Yes	No
Achievement data are posted publicly (e.g. in the media or on your school website).	SC036Q01TA01	SC036Q01TA02
Achievement data are tracked over time by an administrative authority (e.g. ITB, DES).	SC036Q02TA01	SC036Q02TA02
Achievement data are provided directly to parents.	SC036Q03NA01	SC036Q03NA02

Do the following arrangements aimed at quality assurance and improvements exist in your school and, if so, are they initiated internally or externally?

(If you need further explanation of the term "internal school evaluation" or "external school evaluation", please use the help button.)

(Please select one response in each row.)

Internal school evaluation: Evaluation as part of a process controlled by a school in which the school defines which areas are judged; the evaluation may be conducted by members of the school or by persons/institutions commissioned by the school.

External school evaluation: Evaluation as part of a process controlled and headed by an external body. The school does not define the areas which are judged.

	Yes, this is compulsory/mandatory (e.g. based on DES policies)	Yes, based on school initiative	No
Internal evaluation / Self-evaluation	SC037Q01TA01	SC037Q01TA02	SC037Q01TA03
External evaluation	SC037Q02TA01	SC037Q02TA02	SC037Q02TA03
Written specification of the school's curricular profile and educational goals	SC037Q03TA01	SC037Q03TA02	SC037Q03TA03
Written specification of student performance standards	SC037Q04TA01	SC037Q04TA02	SC037Q04TA03
Systematic recording of data such as teacher or student attendance and professional development	SC037Q05NA01	SC037Q05NA02	SC037Q05NA03
Systematic recording of student test results and graduation rates	SC037Q06NA01	SC037Q06NA02	SC037Q06NA03
Seeking written feedback from students (e.g. regarding	SC037Q07TA01	SC037Q07TA02	SC037Q07TA03

lessons, teachers or resources)	Ο	0	Ο
Teacher mentoring	SC037Q08TA01	SC037Q08TA02	SC037Q08TA03
Regular consultation aimed at school improvement with one or more experts over a period of at least six months	SC037Q09TA01	SC037Q09TA02	SC037Q09TA03
Implementation of a standardised policy for science subjects (i.e. school curriculum with shared instructional materials accompanied by staff development and training)	SC037Q10NA01	SC037Q10NA02	SC037Q10NA03

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Based on your last internal school evaluation results, did your school implement any changes in the following areas?

(If you need further explanation of the term "internal school evaluation", please use the help button.)

(Please select one response in each row.)

Internal school evaluation: Evaluation as part of a process controlled by a school in which the school defines which areas are judged; the evaluation may be conducted by members of the school or by persons/institutions commissioned by the school.

	Yes	No, because results were satisfactory	No, for other reasons
Educational staff (e.g. workload, personal requirements, qualifications)	SC040Q02NA01	SC 040Q02NA02	SC040Q02NA03
Implementation of the curriculum	SC040Q03NA01	SC 040Q03NA02	SC040Q03NA03
Quality of teaching and learning	SC040Q05NA01	SC 040Q05NA02	SC 040Q05NA03
Parental engagement in school	SC040Q11NA01	SC040Q11NA02	SC040Q11NA03
Teacher professional development	SC040Q12NA01	SC040Q12NA02	SC040Q12NA03
Student achievement	SC040Q15NA01	SC 040Q15NA02	SC040Q15NA03
Students' cross-curricular competencies	SC040Q16NA01	SC040Q16NA02	SC040Q16NA03
Equity in school	SC040Q17NA01	SC 040Q17NA02	SC040Q17NA03



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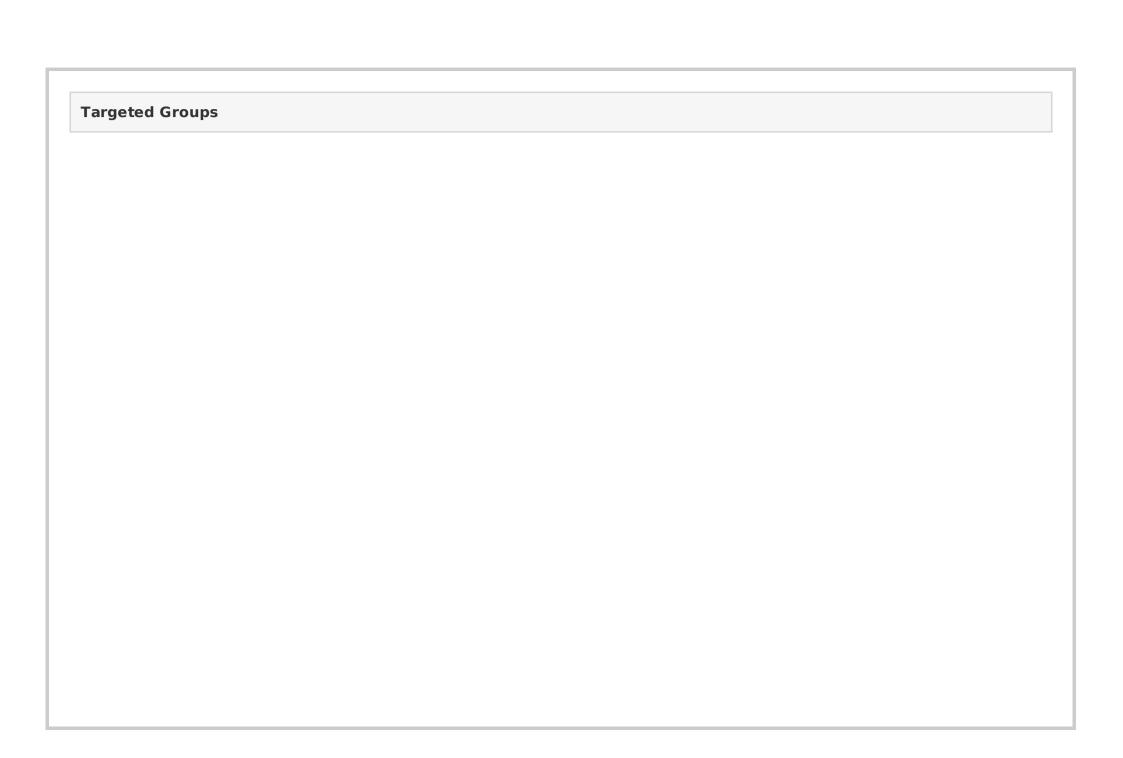
Think about the last external evaluation in your school: do the following statements apply?

(If you need further explanation of the term "external school evaluation", please use the help button.)

(Please select one response in each row.)

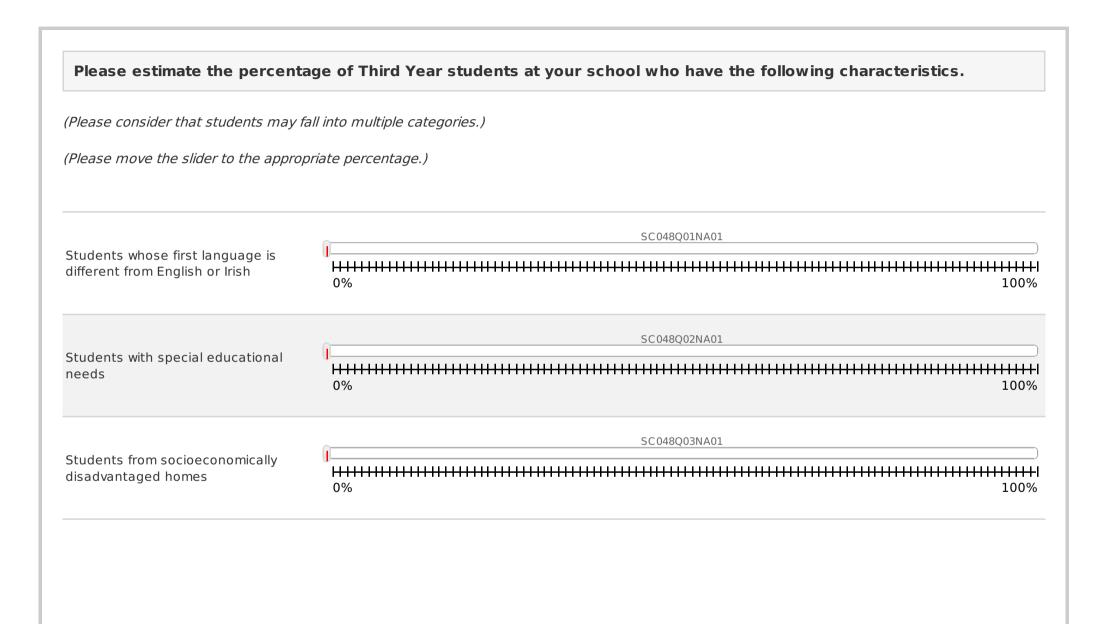
External school evaluation: Evaluation as part of a process controlled and headed by an external body. The school does not define the areas which are judged.

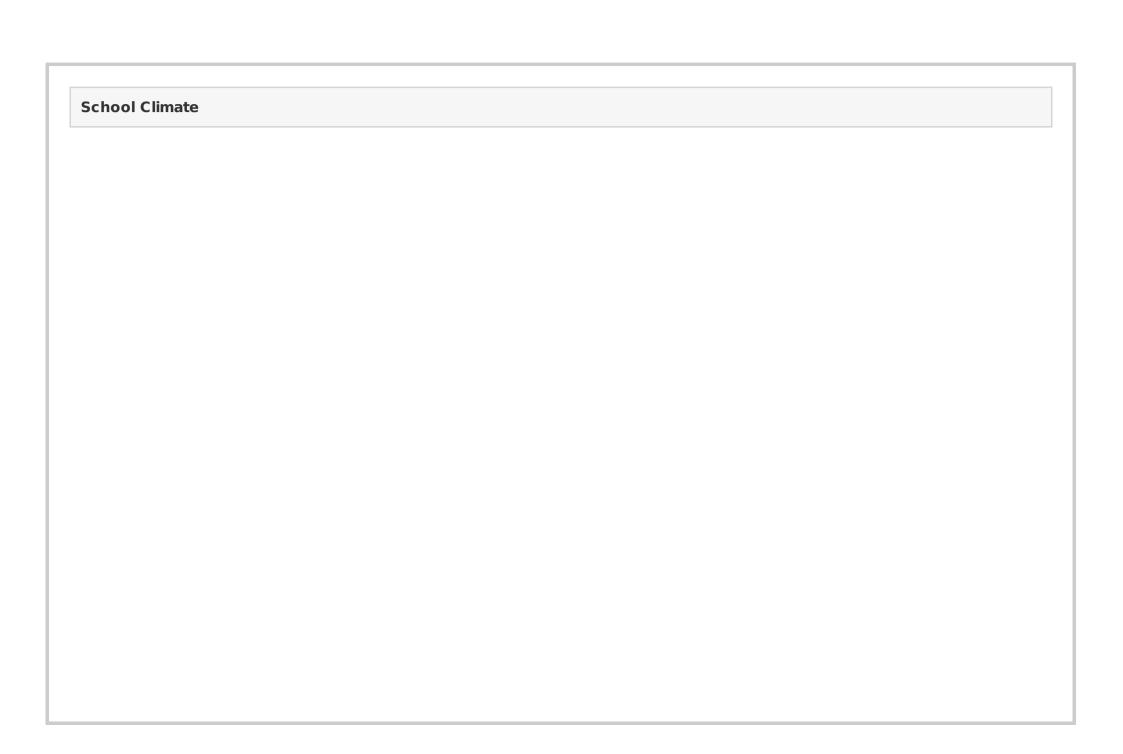
	Yes	No
The results of external evaluations led to changes in school policies.	SC041Q01NA01	SC041Q01NA02
We used the information to plan specific action for school development.	SC041Q03NA01	SC041Q03NA02
We used the information to plan specific action for the improvement of teaching.	SC041Q04NA01	SC041Q04NA02
We put measures derived from the results of external evaluations into practice promptly.	SC041Q05NA01	SC041Q05NA02
The impetus triggered by the external evaluation "disappeared" very quickly at our school.	SC041Q06NA01	SC041Q06NA02



What is your school's policy about this for students in Third Year?

	For all subjects	For some subjects	Not for any subject
Students are grouped by ability into different classes	SC042Q01TA01	SC042Q01TA02	SC042Q01TA03
Students are grouped by ability within their classes	SC042Q02TA01	SC042Q02TA02	SC042Q02TA03





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

	Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
Unauthorised student absence from school	SC061Q01TA01	SC061Q01TA02	SC061Q01TA03	SC061Q01TA04
Students skipping classes	SC061Q02TA01	SC061Q02TA02	SC061Q02TA03	SC061Q02TA04
Students lacking respect for teachers	SC061Q03TA01	SC061Q03TA02	SC061Q03TA03	SC061Q03TA04
Student use of alcohol or illegal drugs	SC061Q04TA01	SC061Q04TA02	SC061Q04TA03	SC061Q04TA04
Students intimidating or bullying other students	SC061Q05TA01	SC061Q05TA02	SC061Q05TA03	SC061Q05TA04
Teachers not meeting individual students' needs	SC061Q06TA01	SC061Q06TA02	SC061Q06TA03	SC061Q06TA04
Teacher absenteeism	SC061Q07TA01	SC061Q07TA02	SC061Q07TA03	SC061Q07TA04
Staff resisting change	SC061Q08TA01	SC061Q08TA02	SC061Q08TA03	SC061Q08TA04
Teachers being too strict with students	SC061Q09TA01	SC061Q09TA02	SC061Q09TA03	SC061Q09TA04
Teachers not being well prepared for classes	SC061Q10TA01	SC061Q10TA02	SC061Q10TA03	SC061Q10TA04

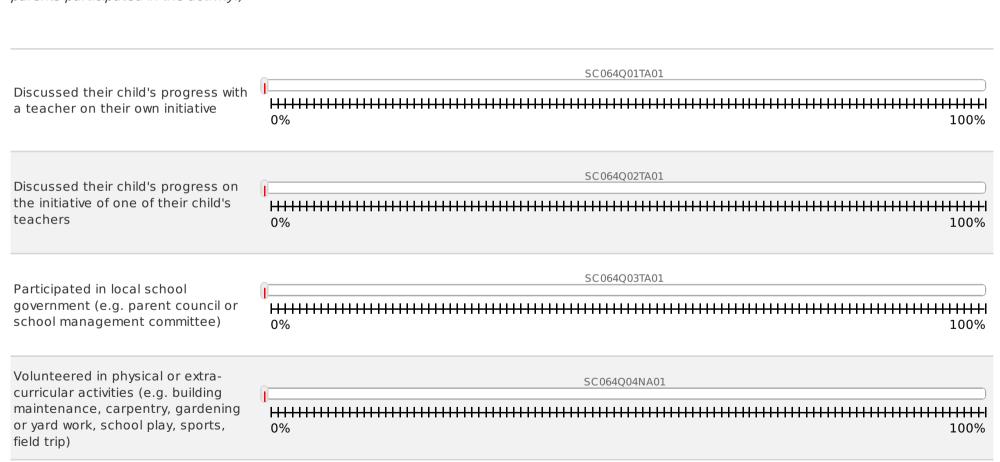


Do the following statements about parental involvement apply to your school?

	Yes	No
Our school provides a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for parents to get involved.	SC063Q02NA01	SC063Q02NA02
Our school designs effective forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications about school programmes and children's progress.	SC063Q03NA01	SC063Q03NA02
Our school includes parents in school decisions.	SC063Q04NA01	SC063Q04NA02
Our school provides information and ideas for families about how to help students at home with homework and other school-related activities, decisions, and planning.	SC063Q06NA01	SC063Q06NA02
Our school identifies and integrates resources and services from the community to strengthen school programmes, family practices, and student learning and development.	SC063Q07NA01	SC063Q07NA02
There is national or regional legislation on including parents in school activities.	SC063Q09NA01	SC063Q09NA02



(Please move the slider to the appropriate position. If no parents participated in the activity, please select "0" (zero). Select "100" (one hundred) if all parents participated in the activity.)







Please indicate the approximate percentage of Sixth Year students who took the 2014 Leaving Cert. Exam. in each o the subjects listed below.					
(Please type the percentage of students taking each subjec "0" (zero).)	t. If the subject is not available in your school or if no students took it in 2014, please typ				
Biology	SC801A01NA01				
Physics	SC801A02NA01				
Chemistry	SC801A03NA01				
Physics/Chemistry combined	SC801A04NA01				
Agricultural Science	SC801A05NA01				
Engineering	SC801A06NA01				
Technology	SC801A07NA01				
Construction Studies	SC801A08NA01				
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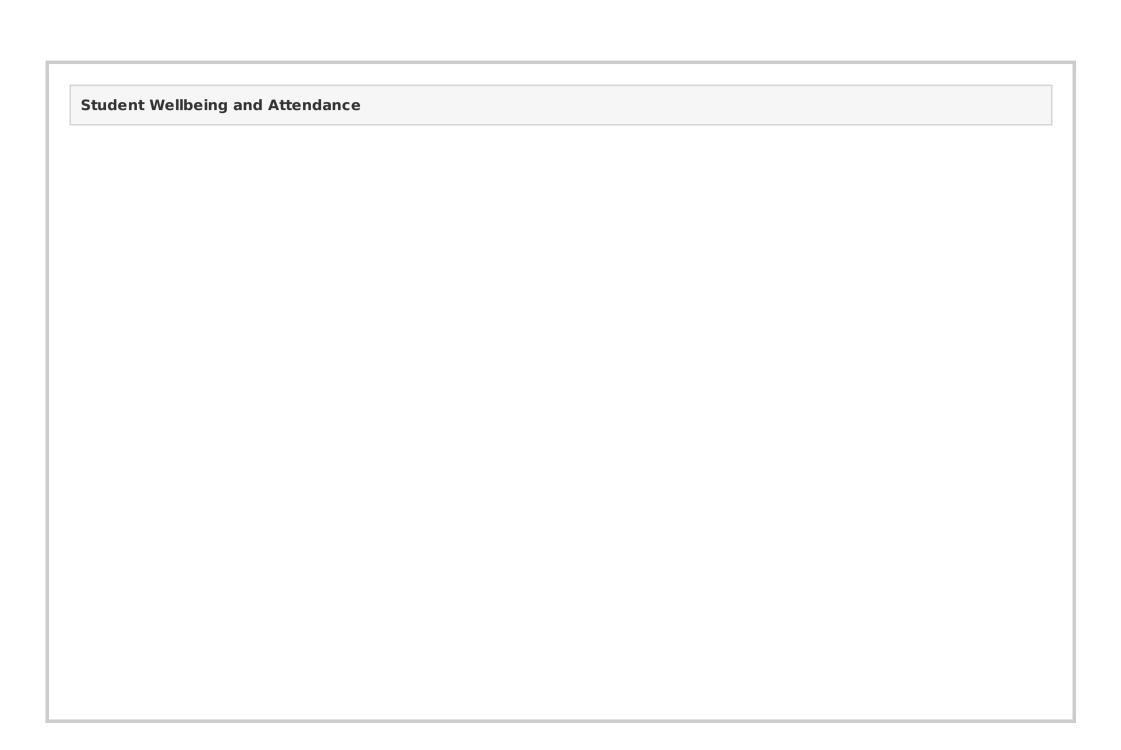
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Message: Please type in 0 (zero) if no students took the subject in 2014. Type in an approximate percentage if some students did take the subject.



How often do these forms of bullying by students occur in your school?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Very Frequently	I don't know
Physical bullying	SC802A01NA01	SC802A01NA02	SC802A01NA03	SC802A01NA04	SC802A01NA05	SC802A01NA06
Verbal bullying	SC802A02NA01	SC802A02NA02	SC802A02NA03	SC802A02NA04	SC802A02NA05	SC802A02NA06
Electronic bullying	SC802A03NA01	SC802A03NA02	SC802A03NA03	SC802A03NA04	SC802A03NA05	SC802A03NA06
Racial or ethnic bullying	SC802A04NA01	SC802A04NA02	SC802A04NA03	SC802A04NA04	SC802A04NA05	SC802A04NA06
Taking or damaging personal possessions	SC802A05NA01	SC802A05NA02	SC802A05NA03	SC802A05NA04	SC802A05NA05	SC802A05NA06
Unwanted sexual behaviour (e.g. harassment, images, comments)	SC802A06NA01	SC802A06NA02	SC802A06NA03	SC802A06NA04	SC802A06NA05	SC802A06NA06
Bullying related to sexual orientation	SC802A07NA01	SC802A07NA02	SC802A07NA03	SC802A07NA04	SC802A07NA05	SC802A07NA06
Bullying related to physical or learning disability	SC802A08NA01	SC802A08NA02	SC802A08NA03	SC802A08NA04	SC802A08NA05	SC802A08NA06
Bullying by exclusion (being left out)	SC802A09NA01	SC802A09NA02	SC802A09NA03	SC802A09NA04	SC802A09NA05	SC802A09NA06
	SC802A10NA01	SC802410N402	SC802410N403	SC 802410N 404	SC 802410N405	SC802410N406

Bullying by spreading rumours	O	O	0	0	O	0
Other	SC802A11NA01	SC802A11NA02	SC802A11NA03	SC802A11NA04	SC802A11NA05	SC802A11NA06

What policies and procedures does your school have in place to protect student wellbeing?

	Yes	No
There is a whole-school plan for student wellbeing (including mental health and antibullying)	SC803A01NA01	SC803A01NA02
There is a student support team in place (year heads, guidance counsellor and learning support co-ordinator)	SC803A02NA01	SC 803A02NA02
Mental and emotional health education are a visible part of the SPHE curriculum and are implemented across junior and senior cycles	SC803A03NA01	SC 803A03NA02
The school has a systematic approach to screening for social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (e.g. via NEPS)	SC803A04NA01	SC 803A04NA02
Students are referred to external mental health support services where appropriate	SC803A05NA01	SC803A05NA02
There is a designated student for "anti-bullying" in each year group	SC803A06NA01	SC803A06NA02
Written records are kept of all incidents of bullying in the school	SC803A07NA01	SC 803A07NA02
Notifications to the school of bullying taking place outside of school between students are recorded	SC803A08NA01	SC803A08NA02
Bullying incidents are monitored to identify patterns of bullying	SC803A09NA01	SC 803A09NA02
There is input on student wellbeing from outside agencies (e.g. speakers and	SC803A10NA01	SC803A10NA02

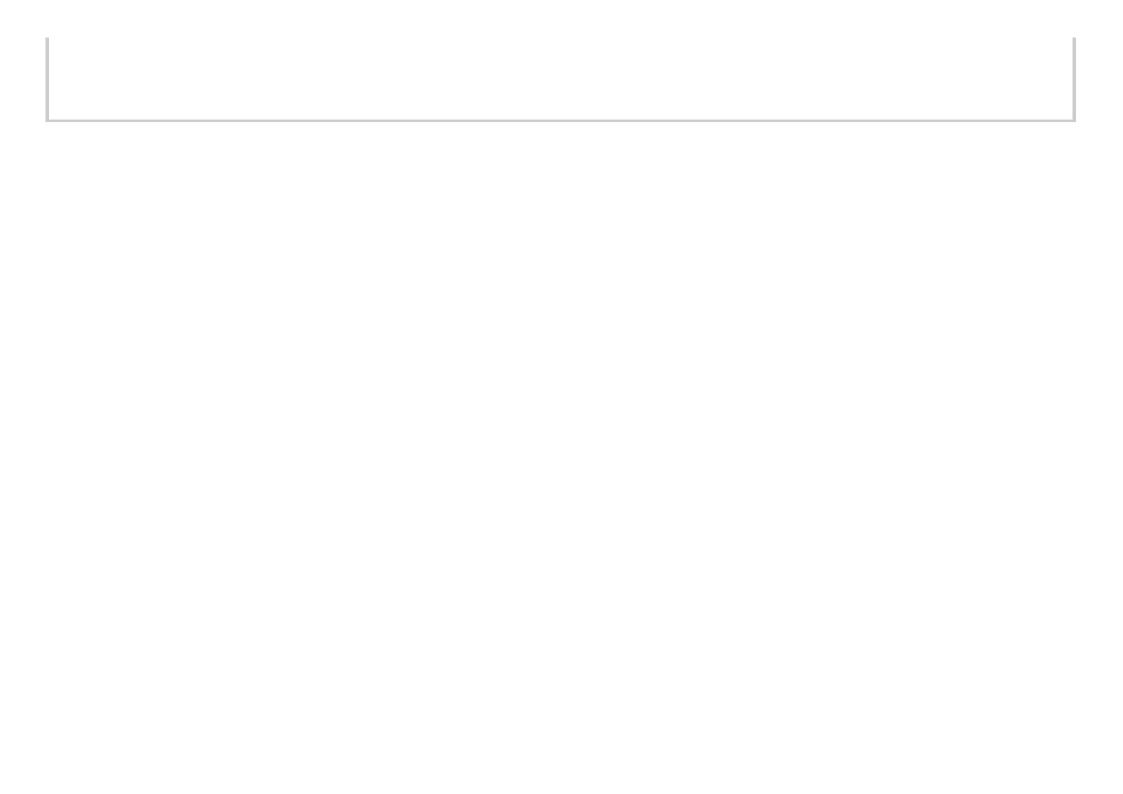
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In your school, to what extent is the teaching and learning of students hindered by the following?

	Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
Students absent from school for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness, medical appointments)	SC804A01NA01	SC804A01NA02	SC804A01NA03	SC804A01NA04
Students absent from school due to general disengagement or lack of interest	SC804A02NA01	SC804A02NA02	SC804A02NA03	SC804A02NA04
Students absent from school due to home pressures (e.g. minding younger siblings or older relatives)	SC804A03NA01	SC804A03NA02	SC804A03NA03	SC804A03NA04
Students missing classes for legitimate reasons (e.g. participation in sports)	SC804A04NA01	SC804A04NA02	SC804A04NA03	SC804A04NA04
Students skipping classes (i.e. "mitching off")	SC804A05NA01	SC804A05NA02	SC804A05NA03	SC804A05NA04
Students arriving late for school	SC804A06NA01	SC804A06NA02	SC804A06NA03	SC804A06NA04
Students engaging in part-time or weekend work	SC804A07NA01	SC804A07NA02	SC804A07NA03	SC804A07NA04

What interventions do your school have in place to improve student attendance/punctuality?

	Yes	No
Implemented student attendance policy	SC805A01NA01	SC805A01NA02
Sanctions for poor attendance/punctuality	SC805A02NA01	SC805A02NA02 O
Rewards for good attendance/punctuality	SC805A03NA01	SC805A03NA02
Monitoring and evaluation of attendance records	SC805A04NA01	SC805A04NA02
Monitoring of internal truancy (e.g. attending registration and then skipping classes)	SC805A05NA01	SC805A05NA02
Follow up with parents if student is absent/late (e.g. same day call to parents)	SC805A06NA01	SC805A06NA02
Referral to support services for persistent attendance/punctuality problems	SC805A07NA01	SC805A07NA02
Reintegration process after longer student absence	SC805A08NA01	SC805A08NA02
Developing a culture of attendance in school and community (e.g. newsletters)	SC805A09NA01	SC805A09NA02



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