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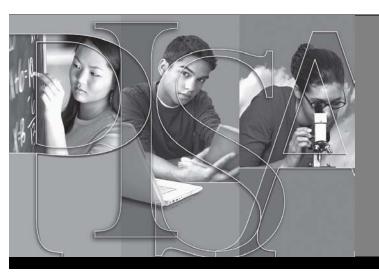


Trinidad and Tobago

Date of Test (Main Survey PISA 2015)						
	Month	2015				

School Questionnaire

School Name						
School ID						
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English (313)						



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Dear school administrator,

Thank you for participating in this study. This questionnaire asks for information about:

- School background information
- School management
- Teaching staff
- Assessment and evaluation
- Targeted groups
- School climate

This information will help 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 60 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 purpose 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.

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

'School science' includes all school sciences courses referring to the domains of physics, chemistry, biology, Earth science or geology, space science or astronomy, applied sciences and technology either taught in your curriculum as separate science subjects, or taught within a single 'integrated-science' subject. It does NOT include related subjects such as mathematics, psychology, economics, nor possible Earth science topics included in geography courses.

SCHOOL BAC	KGROUND	INFORMAT	TION	

SC001 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)	
A small town (3 000 to about 15 000 people)	\square_2
A town (15 000 to about 100 000 people)	\square_3

SC002 As at February 1, 2015, what was the total school enrolment (number of students)?

(Please write a number on each line. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

Number of boys:	
Number of girls:	

SC003 What is the average size of English classes in Form 4 in your school?

(Please select one response.)

15 students or fewer	
16-20 students	\square_2
21-25 students	\square_3
26-30 students	\square_4
31-35 students	\square_5
36-40 students	\Box_6
41-45 students	\square_7
46-50 students	\square_8
More than 50 students	\square_9

SC004 The goal of the following set of questions is to gather information about the student-computer ratio for students in Form 4 at your school.

(Please write a number on each line. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

	Number
At your school, what is the total number of students in Form 4?	
Approximately, how many computers are available for these students for educational purposes?	
Approximately, how many of these computers are connected to the Internet/World Wide Web?	
Approximately, how many of these computers are portable (e.g. laptop, tablet)?	
Approximately how many interactive whiteboards are available in the school altogether?	
Approximately how many data projectors are available in the school altogether?	
Approximately how many computers with internet connection are available for teachers <u>in your school?</u>	

SC053 This academic year, which of the following activities does your school offer to students in Form 4?

	Yes	No
Band, orchestra or choir		\square_2
School play or school musical		
School yearbook, newspaper or magazine		\square_2
Volunteering or service activities, e.g. Red Cross, RBTT Young Leaders, Youth for Christ	\Box_1	\square_2
Science club		\square_2
Science competitions, e.g. National Science Fair		\square_2
Chess club		\square_2
Club with a focus on computers/ Information and Communication Technology	\square_1	\square_2
Art club or art activities		\square_2
Sporting team or sporting activities		\square_2
School steelband		

SC059 Which of the following are true for the science department of your school?

	Yes	No
Compared to other departments, our school's school science department is well equipped.		\square_2
If we ever have some extra funding, a big share goes into improvement of our school science teaching.		\square_2
School science teachers are among our best educated staff members.		\square_2
Compared to similar schools, we have a well-equipped laboratory.		\square_2
The material for hands-on activities in school science is in good shape.		\square_2
We have enough laboratory material that all courses can regularly use it.		\square_2
We have extra laboratory staff that helps support school science teaching.		\square_2
Our school spends extra money on up-to-date school science equipment.		

SC052 For 15-year-old students, does your school provide the following study help?

(Please select one response in each row.)	Yes	No
Room(s) where the students can do their homework		\square_2
Staff help with homework		

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

SC009 Below are statements about your management of this school. Please indicate the frequency of the following activities and behaviours in your school during the last academic 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.		\square_2		\Box_4	\square_5	□ ₆
I make sure that the professional development activities of teachers are in accordance with the teaching goals of the school.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	□ ₅	
I ensure that teachers work according to the school's educational goals.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5	
I promote teaching practices based on recent educational research.		\square_2	\square_3	4	₅	□ ₆
I praise teachers whose students are actively participating in learning.		\square_2	\square_3	4	\square_5	
When a teacher has problems in his/her classroom, I take the initiative to discuss matters.	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5	
I draw teachers' attention to the importance of pupils' development of critical and social capacities.			\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	

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I pay attention to disruptive behaviour in classrooms.	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5	
I provide staff with opportunities to participate in school decision-making.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4		\Box_6
I engage teachers to help build a school culture of continuous improvement.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	\Box_6
I ask teachers to participate in reviewing management practices.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4		
When a teacher brings up a classroom problem, we solve the problem together.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5	\Box_6
I discuss the school's academic goals with teachers at faculty meetings.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4		

SC010 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 governing board	Educational District Office	National education authority
Selecting teachers for hire					
Firing teachers		\square_1			
Establishing teachers' starting salaries					
Determining teachers' salary increases		\square_1		\Box_1	
Formulating the school budget			\square_1	\square_1	\square_1
Deciding on budget allocations within the school		\square_1	\Box_1	\Box_1	
Establishing student disciplinary policies				\square_1	
Establishing student assessment policies		\square_1	\Box_1	\Box_1	\Box_1
Approving students for admission to the school			\Box_1	\Box_1	
Choosing which textbooks are used					
Determining course content				\square_1	\square_1
Deciding which courses are offered				\Box_1	

SC012 How often are the following factors considered when students are admitted to your school?

	Never	Sometimes	Always
Student's record of academic performance (including placement tests)		\square_2	\square_3
Recommendation of feeder schools		\square_2	\square_3
Parents' endorsement of the instructional or religious philosophy of the school		\square_2	\square_3
Whether the student requires or is interested in a special programme		\square_2	\square_3
Preference given to family members of current or former students		\square_2	\square_3
Residence in a particular area		\square_2	\square_3
Other		\square_2	\square_3

institution.)

SC013 Is your school a public or a private school?

(Please select one response.)

A public school

(This is a school directly or indirectly managed by government, a governing board appointed by the government or denominational board and wholly or partially funded by the government.)

A private school

(This is a school managed and funded directly or indirectly by a non-government organisation; e.g. a church, trade union, business, or other private

What kind of organisation runs your school? (Please select one response.) A church or other religious organisation Another not-for-profit organisation A for-profit organisation

SC016 About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?

(Please write a number in each line. Write 0 (zero) if no funding comes from that source.)

		%
Government (includes departments, local, regional, state a national)	nd .	
Student fees or school charges paid by parents		
Benefactors, donations, bequests, sponsorships, parent fundraising		
Other		
T	otal	100%

SC017 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.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Inadequate or poorly qualified teaching staff.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
A lack of assisting staff.		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Inadequate or poorly qualified assisting staff.		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
A lack of educational material (e.g. textbooks, IT equipment, library or laboratory material).		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Inadequate or poor quality educational material (e.g. textbooks, IT equipment, library or laboratory material).		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
A lack of physical infrastructure (e.g. building, grounds, heating/cooling, lighting and acoustic systems).		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Inadequate or poor quality physical infrastructure (e.g. building, grounds, heating/cooling, lighting and acoustic systems).		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4

TEACHING STAFF

SC018 How many of the following teachers are on the staff of 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. Regarding the qualification level, please refer only to the teacher's highest qualification level.

(Please write a number in each space provided. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)

	Full-time	Part-time
Teachers in TOTAL		
Teachers fully certified by Teachers' College/University		
Teachers with a Bachelor degree qualification		
Teachers with a Master's degree qualification		
Teachers with a Doctoral qualification		

SC019 How many of the following teachers are on the science staff of 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.

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

	Full-time	Part-time
School science teachers in TOTAL		
School science teachers fully certified by Teachers' College or University		
School science teachers with a first degree or Master's degree qualification with a major in science		

SC025 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 write the appropriate percentage in each line. If none of your teachers participated in any professional development activities write "0" (zero).)

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All teaching staff at your school	
Science teaching staff at your school	

SC027 Which of the following types of in-house professional development exist at your school?

(Please select one response in each row.)

	Yes	No
The teachers in our school cooperate by exchanging ideas or material when teaching specific units or series of lessons.		\square_2
Our school invites specialists to conduct in-service training for teachers.		\square_2
Our school organises in-service workshops which deal with specific issues that our school faces.		\square_2
Our school organises in-service workshops for specific groups of teachers (e.g. newly appointed teachers).		

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ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION		
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SC032 During the last academic year, have any of the following methods been used to monitor the practice of teachers at your school?

	Yes	No
Tests or assessments of student achievement		\square_2
Teacher peer review (of lesson plans, assessment instruments, lessons)		\square_2
Principal or senior staff observations of lessons		\square_2
Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school		\square_2

SC034 Generally, in your school, how often are students in Form 4 assessed using the following methods?

	Never	1-2 times a year	3-5 times a year	Monthly	More than once a month
Mandatory standardised tests, e.g. NCSE		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
Non-mandatory standardised tests		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4	\square_5
Teacher-developed tests		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5
Teachers' judgmental ratings	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4	\square_5

Please only answer this question if you use standardised tests and/or teacher-developed tests at your school.

SC035

In your school, are standardised tests and/or teacherdeveloped tests of students in Form 4 used for any of the following purposes?

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

	Standardised tests		Teacher-developed tests	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
To guide students' learning		\square_2		\square_2
To inform parents about their child's progress		\square_2		\square_2
To make decisions about students' retention or promotion		\square_2		\square_2
To group students for instructional purposes		\square_2		\square_2
To compare the school to district or national performance		\square_2		\square_2
To monitor the school's progress from year to year		\square_2		\square_2
To make judgements about teachers' effectiveness		\square_2		\square_2
To identify aspects of instruction or the curriculum that could be improved		\square_2		\square_2
To adapt teaching to the students' needs		\square_2		\square_2
To compare the school with other schools		\square_2		\square_2
To award certificates to students		\square_2		\square_2

SC036 In your school, are achievement data used in any of the following accountability procedures?

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)		\square_2
Achievement data are tracked over time by an administrative authority		\square_2
Achievement data are provided directly to parents		\square_2

SC037 Do the following arrangements aimed at quality assurance and improvements exist in your school and where do they come from?

	Yes, this is mandatory, e.g. based on district or ministry policies	Yes, based on school initiative	No
Internal evaluation/Self-evaluation	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
External evaluation	\square_1	\square_2	\square_3
Written specification of the school's curricular profile and educational goals			
Written specification of student performance standards		\square_2	\square_3
Systematic recording of data such as teacher or student attendance and professional development	\Box_1		\square_3
Systematic recording of student test results and graduation rates		\square_2	\square_3
Seeking written feedback from students (e.g. regarding lessons, teachers or resources)	\Box_1		
Teacher mentoring		\square_2	\square_3
Regular consultation aimed at school improvement with one or more experts over a period of at least six months	\Box_1		
Implementation of a standardised policy for science subjects (i.e. school curriculum with shared instructional materials accompanied by staff development and training)			\square_3

Please only answer this question if there was at least one internal evaluation at your school.

SC040 Based on your last internal school evaluation results, did your school implement any measures in the following areas?

	Yes	No, because results were satisfactory	No, for other reasons
Educational staff (e.g. workload, personal requirements, qualifications)	\Box_1	\square_2	\square_3
Implementation of the curriculum		\square_2	\square_3
Quality of teaching and learning		\square_2	\square_3
Parental engagement in school		\square_2	\square_3
Teacher professional development		\square_2	\square_3
Student achievement		\square_2	\square_3
Students' cross-curricular competencies		\square_2	\square_3
Equity in school		\square_2	\square_3

Please only answer this question if there was at least one external evaluation at your school.

SC041 Thinking about the last external evaluation in your school. Do the following statements apply?

	Yes	No
The results of external evaluations led to changes in school policies.		\square_2
We used the data to plan specific action for school development.	\square_1	\square_2
We used the data to plan specific action for the improvement of teaching.		\square_2
We put measures derived from the results of external evaluations into practice promptly.	\square_1	\square_2
The impetus triggered by the external evaluation "disappeared" very quickly at our school.		\square_2

TARGETED GROUPS

SC042 *Some schools organise instruction differently for students with different abilities.*

What is your school's policy about this for students in Form 4?

	For all subjects	For some subjects	Not for any subjects
Students are grouped by ability into different classes.		\square_2	\square_3
Students are grouped by ability within their classes.		\square_2	\square_3

SC048 Please estimate the percentage of students in Form 4 at your school who have the following characteristics.

(Please consider that students may fall into multiple categories. (Please write the appropriate percentage in each line.)		
	%	
Students whose heritage language is different from English		
Students with special needs		
Students from socioeconomically disadvantaged homes		

SCHOOL CLIMATE

SC061 In your school, to what extent is the learning of students hindered by the following phenomena?

	Not at all	Very little	To some extent	A lot
Student truancy			\square_3	\Box_4
Students skipping classes			\square_3	\square_4
Students lacking respect for teachers		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Student use of alcohol or illegal drugs		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Students intimidating or bullying other students		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Teachers not meeting individual students' needs			\square_3	\square_4
Teacher absenteeism			\square_3	\square_4
Staff resisting change		\square_2	\square_3	\square_4
Teachers being too strict with students		\square_2	\square_3	\Box_4
Teachers not being well prepared for classes			\square_3	\square_4

SC063 Do the following statements about parental involvement apply to your school?

	Yes	No
Our school provides a welcoming and accepting atmosphere for parents to get involved.	\square_1	\square_2
Our school designs effective forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications about school programmes and children's progress.		
Our school includes parents in school decisions.	\square_1	\square_2
Our school provides information and ideas to families about how to help students at home with homework and other curriculum-related activities, decisions, and planning.	\Box_1	\square_2
Our school identifies and integrates resources and services from the community to strengthen school programmes, family practices, and student learning and development.		\square_2
There is national or district legislation on including parents in school activities.	\square_1	\square_2

SC064 During the last academic year, what proportion of students' parents participated in the following school-related activities?

(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if no parents participated in the activity. Write 100 (one hundred) if all parents participated in the activity.)

	%
Discussed their child's progress with a teacher on their own initiative	
Discussed their child's progress on the initiative of one of their child's teachers	
Participated in local school government, (e.g. parent council or school management committee)	
Volunteered in physical or extra-curricular activities (e.g. building maintenance, carpentry, gardening or yard work, school play, sports, field trip)	

Thank you very much for your cooperation in completing this questionnaire!