



FAQ: Student Assessment Survey

Why is the Government of Yukon surveying parents?

In June 2017, we introduced [new changes](#) to the way schools assess and report to parents on student learning, including how report cards look and how schools informally update parents with things like phone calls, e-mails and in-person meetings. In March-April 2017, we [surveyed parents](#) and asked what they thought about the changes.

Schools were given the option to implement the changes over the 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years. Some schools started in 2017-18 and some started in 2018-19. By the 2019-20 school year, all schools will be following the new requirements.

The Government of Yukon committed to checking in before the new assessment and reporting requirements are finalized for the 2019-20 school year, to ensure we can continue to improve reporting on student learning as we implement this process at all schools.

When will the survey run?

The survey will run this school year from February 4-March 4, 2019.

How will I get the survey?

If your school is being surveyed, you will be e-mailed a link to the online survey. You may also be asked to fill out a paper copy of the survey, which should be returned to your school. Your school may send out reminders to you by e-mail and phone.

It is important that all parents fill out the survey to ensure your school is providing you with the most valuable feedback they can about your child's learning.

Why is my school being surveyed?

Parents are being surveyed at schools who started using the new assessment and reporting requirements during the 2017-18 school year. We want to ensure parents have experienced a full school year with the new reporting requirements before we get their feedback. This means they will have experienced each step of the reporting cycle, including all of the informal updates, in-person meetings and final report cards.

The schools that started following the new assessment and reporting requirements during the 2017-18 school year include:

- Grey Mountain Primary School
- Hidden Valley Elementary School
- Jack Hulland Elementary School
- Kluane Lake School
- Nelna Bessie John School
- Takhini Elementary School
- Khàtinash Community School
- Watson Lake Secondary School
- Johnson Elementary School
- Whitehorse Elementary School
- École Émilie Tremblay



Why isn't my school being surveyed this school year?

We want to ensure parents have experienced a full school year with the new reporting requirements before we get their feedback. This means they will have experienced each step of the reporting cycle, including all of the informal updates, in-person meetings and final report cards.

If your school started using the new assessment and reporting requirements during this school year (2018-19), you will be surveyed in February 2020. If your school doesn't start using the new requirements until next school year, you will be surveyed in February 2021.

Check in with your school to see when they started to follow the new assessment and reporting requirements.

What will the Government of Yukon do with the feedback from parents?

The feedback we receive from parents will be provided back to the schools to help improve their efforts to assess and report in this new way. The Department of Education will also bring the feedback to its Assessment Committee meetings in March-April 2019 to identify how we can continue to provide support to schools and teachers as they implement these new changes.

While these changes will continue to move forward at all of our schools, we want to make sure that these new ways of reporting to parents will continue to include valuable feedback about their child's learning. This feedback from parents will help us adjust our efforts where needed.

Want to learn more?

Talk to your school about how they are assessing and reporting to you on your child's learning.

You can also read more about these changes and the changes to the school curriculum by visiting the following links:

- **Yukon's school curriculum and assessment of student learning:** <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/curriculum.html>
- **Student assessment survey March-April 2017:** <https://engageyukon.ca/en/2017/student-assessment>
- **Performance report cards video:** <https://youtu.be/f4zWF-ZkF3Y>
- **Yukon's school curriculum video:** <https://youtu.be/YS0GPDLdkRU>
- **Yukon's school curriculum and Yukon First Nations:** <https://youtu.be/eSNuoXWeJ30>