

## FAQ: Student Assessment Survey

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### Why is the Government of Yukon surveying parents?

In June 2017, we introduced changes to the way schools assess and report to parents on student learning, including how report cards look and how schools informally update parents through 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, some in 2018-19 and some in 2019-20. All schools are now following the new requirements.

We are asking for feedback from parents to ensure we continue to provide valuable and timely information about their child's learning progress as this process is implemented at all schools.

### When will the survey run?

The survey will run this school year from February 17-March 15, 2020.

### How will I get the survey?

If your school is being surveyed, you will be e-mailed a link to the online survey. The survey link may also be shared through your school newsletter or on your school's website. You may also be offered an opportunity 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 2018-19 school year. Parents at schools that started in 2017-18 were [surveyed last 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 2018-19 school year include:

- Chief Zzeh Gittlit School
- Christ the King Elementary School
- Elijah Smith Elementary School
- F.H. Collins Secondary School
- Golden Horn Elementary School
- Holy Family Elementary School
- J.V. Clark School
- Porter Creek Secondary School
- Robert Service School
- Tantalus School

### **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.

Your school may have already been surveyed if they started using the new requirements in 2017-18. If your school didn't start using the new requirements until this 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 use the feedback to identify how to best provide support to schools and teachers.

While the assessment and reporting practices have been finalized for the 2019-20 school year, we want to make sure parents continue to receive 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:

- **Learn about Yukon's school curriculum:** [yukon.ca/en/school-curriculum](https://yukon.ca/en/school-curriculum)
- **Learn how schools report on student learning:** [yukon.ca/en/report-card-assessments](https://yukon.ca/en/report-card-assessments)
- **BC video on student assessment:** <https://youtu.be/h7C20alZEII>