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2021-22 Grade 6-12 Questions

- 1. What grade are you in?**
 - Grade 6
 - Grade 7
 - Grade 8

 - Grade 9
 - Grade 10
 - Grade 11
 - Grade 12
 - Alternative Program or other

- 2. Which of these mobile devices do you have for your own personal use (but not provided to you by your school)? (Check all that apply)**
 - Smartphone with Internet (like iPhone, Samsung Galaxy)
 - Laptop
 - Chromebook
 - Tablet
 - Digital reader
 - Smartwatch

- 3. How do you usually get online to do homework or schoolwork when you are at home or outside of school?**
 - Through a slow Internet wired connection
 - Through a fast Internet wired connection
 - Using a WiFi connection
 - I do not have access to the Internet when I am at home
 - Other

- 4. When you are at home, how often do you need to get online or use the Internet to do homework or schoolwork?**
 - Rarely or never
 - Seldom - a few times a year
 - Sometimes - maybe once a month
 - Often - at least once a week
 - Always – everyday or almost everyday



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5. Which of these devices do you use most often to support your learning?

Scale:

- When I am in school
- When I am at home
- Does not apply

Options:

- Personal smartphone
- Personal tablet
- Personal laptop
- Personal Chromebook
- School provided tablet
- School provided laptop
- School provided Chromebook

6. Which of these schoolwork activities are you regularly doing this school year?

- Create online documents to share with my classmates and teachers
- Email my teachers with questions
- Internet research for an assignment
- Play digital, video or online games for learning
- Read books or articles using a mobile device
- Research online primary source documents
- Take online tests or quizzes
- Use online textbooks or curriculum
- Watch a video made by my teacher
- Watch educational videos from YouTube or other sites

7. What obstacles do you face at your school when using technology for learning? (Check all that apply)

- Internet is too slow or inconsistent
- My school blocks websites I need for schoolwork
- Not allowed to text with classmates
- Not allowed to text with my teachers
- Not allowed to use my mobile devices at school
- Not allowed to use social media tools at school
- Teachers limit our technology use
- Too many rules against using technology
- I rarely use technology at school for learning
- Other



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8. What do you think are the benefits of using technology as part of your learning experiences? As a result of using technology, I am ... (Check the benefits that are true for you)

- Applying what I have learned to practical problems
- Collaborating with other students more
- Communicating with my teacher more often
- Developing creativity skills
- Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Enjoy learning more
- Getting better grades and test scores
- In control of my learning
- Learning at my own pace
- Learning in a way that fits my learning style
- More engaged and interested in what I am learning in class
- Taking greater responsibility for my own learning
- Understanding what I am learning better
- Using time at home for extended learning
- Other

9. Which of these statements are true for you? (Check all that apply)

- Doing well in school is important to me
- I am confident that I can be successful in school this year
- I am interested in what I am learning at school
- I believe that my school cares about me as a person
- I feel emotionally safe at school
- I feel physically safe at school
- I worry about the mental and emotional health of my friends or classmates
- School sometimes makes me feel stressed or anxious
- Students at my school are kind to each other
- Teachers are important to my learning
- The classroom environment at my school allows me to do my best work
- There is at least one adult at school that I trust
- There is at least one student at school that I trust
- When I am in class, I am engaged in the learning process most of the time



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10. Which of these life skills do you think are most important for you to acquire to be successful in the future? (Check all that apply)

- Ability to learn new skills on your own
- Ability to speak more than one language
- Ability to work with different kinds of people
- Appreciation of the arts
- Awareness of global issues
- Business skills – how to start or run a business
- Creativity skills
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Effective communication (verbal and written)
- Emotional intelligence – how to understand people
- Financial literacy - understanding personal finances
- How to be a good citizen in a democracy
- Leadership skills
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- Technology and digital citizenship skills
- Time management and organization
- Other

11. Which of these are true for you about your preferences for learning or communications? (Check all that apply)

- Having two-way communications with my teacher(s) is important for my learning success
- I learn best when I can do projects that engage me in solving a real-world problem
- I learn more when I watch a video or movie than when I read a book or article
- I like learning when I can be in control of when and how I learn
- I prefer to read a book or article using a computer or mobile device
- I prefer to read a hard copy, printed book or article
- I think I learn best in a physical classroom setting with my teacher and classmates
- I think I learn best in a virtual classroom setting with my teacher and classmates
- I think teachers should use more social media tools to communicate with students
- I wish my classes were more interesting
- I wish my school provided ways for me to learn more about future jobs
- I wish my teachers would allow us to make more choices about how we want to learn
- I worry that I may not be learning the right skills in school to be successful in the future

12. Agree or disagree: Administrators and teachers at our school are sincerely interested in listening to and acting upon ideas from students about how to improve school and our education.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree



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13. Imagine you are in charge of building a new school. Which of these learning tools or approaches would you include in that new school? Select the ones that you think will help students be the most successful with their learning.

- Chromebook, laptop or tablet for every student
- Coding or computer programming resources
- Collaboration tools to use in projects
- Digital, video or online games
- Fully online classes
- Online animations, simulations or virtual labs
- Online databases for research projects
- Online textbooks or curriculum
- Online tutors
- Online videos and movies
- Project-based learning experiences that address real world issues
- Teachers assigned as mentors for every student
- Tools to facilitate student- teacher communications
- Tools to help students create media projects (e.g. video, audio)
- Virtual reality experiences and hardware (headsets and devices)
- Virtual voice assistants such as Siri, Alexa or Google
- Other

14. Are you doing any of these things as part of your schoolwork activities? Check the ones that are true for you this year.

- Create media content (videos, slideshows)
- Do a virtual lab experiment
- Participate in an online class
- Post to a social media site as part of classwork
- Text classmates for help with schoolwork
- Text my teachers with questions
- Use a virtual voice assistant (Alexa, Siri, Google) to answer questions
- Use augmented or virtual reality in class
- Use coding tools as part of a class assignment
- Use online collaboration tools for a class project
- Work with an online tutor to help with schoolwork

15. Which of these statements are true about your use of online and digital tools?

- I have good digital citizenship skills.
- I have stronger personal relationships because of my use of social media
- I know how to be safe when I am online
- I know how to detect bias or opinions in the information that I read online
- I know how to evaluate the accuracy of information I find online
- I am a better student when I can use online and digital tools to support my learning.
- I use technology more outside of school than I do when I am at school
- Knowing how to use technology effectively is an important skill that will help me in the future
- Sometimes I cannot do schoolwork because I don't have access to the Internet outside of school
- The skills I am learning on my own outside of school are important for my future



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16. How often do you engage in the following activities because you want to develop new skills or learn about something that interests you (but not just because it was an assignment or homework)?

Scale:

- Rarely or never
- Seldom - a few times a year
- Sometimes - maybe once a month
- Often - at least once a week
- Always – everyday or almost everyday

Options:

- Create, edit and post videos on YouTube
- Find experts online to answer my questions
- Play an online game or augmented/virtual simulation activity
- Post a question on a discussion board or forum
- Read an online news story or report
- Research a website to learn more about a topic
- Take a self-paced tutorial or online class
- Use a virtual assistant (Alexa, Siri, Google Home) to answer questions for me
- Use online writing tools to improve my writing
- Use social media to identify people who share my interests
- Use social media to learn what others are doing or thinking about a topic that interests me
- Watch a TED Talk or similar short videos about people’s ideas
- Watch a video to learn how to do something
- Watch other people play online games

17. There is a lot of debate right now about the pros and cons of young people’s use of social media on their social, emotional and mental health. What do you think? Do you have any examples that show the positive or negative impact of social media on you or your friends and classmates? We are interested in your feedback on this important issue. (Open ended)

18. We have all learned over the past few years that traditional “school” may not work for all students. How do you think educators can improve schools so that all students have a better learning experience? What do you wish your school would do right now to improve education for you and your classmates? Please be as specific as possible. You are our experts! (Open ended)

19. Are you a?

- Girl
- Boy
- Non-binary
- Decline to state



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20. Are you participating in any of these programs at your school this year? (Check the ones that apply for you)

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- E-sports club or program
- Formal program where I am assigned a teacher mentor
- IB (International Baccalaureate)
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy
- Visual and Performing Arts Academy