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# **School Health Promotion study 2017**

You are participating in the School Health Promotion study. This study is conducted by the National Institute for Health and Welfare. There are questions about your health, welfare and school on this form.

Your answers are important. There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. All answers will be kept confidential. You do not need to give your name at any time. No one will know how you answered the questions.

Participation is voluntary. Answer all questions honestly.

There are also questions about your welfare and the welfare of your family in a survey given to guardians. The researchers will be able to connect your answers to your guardian's answers on the basis of the user IDs, but your answers will never be shown for example to your teachers or your guardians.

After you enter your answers, the forms will be sealed in an envelope in your class and then sent to the National Institute for Health and Welfare. The information will be used for instance for improving services, improving the operation of your school and for scientific research. The information will be stored at the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

#### Please read the instructions carefully.

# The next page is about the survey for guardians. Please tear out that page and give it to your guardians, according to your teacher's instructions.

If you are bothered by any of the questions or subjects on the form, talk about them to your guardian, teacher, school nurse or other adult.

The information gathering is managed by Senior Researcher Nina Halme (firstname.lastname@thl.fi, tel. 029 524 7270). Further information on the survey: www.thl.fi/shpstudy, Researcher Hanne Kivimäki (tel. 029 524 7281), Researcher Pauliina Luopa (tel. 029 524 6008) and Researcher Rika Rajala (tel. 029 524 7408).

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDING

- Use a pencil or a ballpoint pen.
- Answer the questions by ticking the boxes. Example:

#### How do you like school at the moment? I like school

Very much

X Quite a lot

Just a little

- Not at all
- If you want to change your answer, do not use an eraser, rather colour in the entire box that you first ticked and then tick the box next to the correct answer. Example:





# Dear guardian of a pupil in 4th or 5th grade!

You have already been informed by the school that the class in which your child is will be participating in the School Health Promotion study. This study includes a survey for guardians. This study is conducted by the National Institute for Health and Welfare.

The target group of the School Health Promotion study comprises pupils in 4th and 5th grades and their guardians; pupils in 8th and 9th grades; and 1st year and 2nd year students in upper secondary school and at vocational education institutions.

Your answers are important. By responding, you will inform us of the health and welfare of your child and your family, and also your own, and on services. You can answer in Finnish, Swedish, English, Russian or Northern Sami. The findings of the survey will be used for instance to improve local services for children and families, to improve operations of the school and for scientific research.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Your answers cannot be connected to your personal details or those of your child, and no outsider will ever see your answers. Your answers will not be shown to school personnel, for instance. Participation is voluntary. Your answers can be linked to your child's answers through the user IDs, but individual respondents cannot be identified.

You may fill in the form alone or with your spouse. We recommend that you use a computer or tablet to fill in the form, not a phone. **Please respond by 28 April 2017**.

Instructions for guardian's responses

Go online and go to www.thl.fi/kouluterveys17

USER ID

PASSWORD

YOU CAN ONLY USE THE USER ID ONCE

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# **Background information**

1. What is your gende	r?
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	Boy
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Girl

# 2. Which grade are you in?

- 4th grade
- 5th grade

# **School**

## 3. How do you like school at the moment? I like school

- Very much
- Quite a lot
- Fairly little
- Not at all

# 4. Is it peaceful in your class?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Never

# 5. When something is talked about in class, do you dare express your opinion?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Never

# 6. Do the pupils in your class get along together?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Never

## 7. How well do you get along with your schoolmates?

- Well
- Fairly well
- Poorly

# 8. How well do you get along with your teachers?

- Well
- Fairly well
- Poorly

# 9. Are teachers interested in how you are doing?

- Often
- Sometimes
- Never

# 10. How much have you been involved in planning the following things during this school year?

	A lot	Some	Not at all
Ground rules for the school			
Activities at recess			
School outdoor areas			
School meals			
School festivities, events and excursions			
Content of lessons			

## 11. What do you feel about recesses and breaks?

	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Recesses are refreshing for me			
I am frightened of recesses or of going to recess			
I feel lonely at recesses			
I would like to have more organised programme at recesses			

#### 12. Do you have difficulties in reading?

- Not at all
- Some
- A lot

# 13. Do you have difficulties with counting?

- Not at all
- Some
- A lot

## 14. Do you have difficulties with writing?

- Not at all
- Some
- A lot

	Not at all	Some	A lot
Too hot inside			
Too cold inside			
Stuffy air (poor indoor air)			
Unpleasant odour			
Cramped classroom			
Noise			
Lighting too bright or too dim			
Uncomfortable chairs, desks or other furniture			
Poor toilets, changing rooms, showers			

# 15. Have any of the following things bothered you at your school during this school year?

# 16. At school

	Fully agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Fully disagree
I like being at school					
I am often tired					
I am often excited about school work					
There is no point in going to school					
I cannot cope at school					

# 17. During <u>this school year</u>, have you had an accident at school or on your way to or from school that has required the medical attention of a physician, nurse or school health nurse?

	No, never	Once	Twice or more often
During recess			
During PE class			
During some other class			
On my way to or from school			

# Bullying

In this questionnaire, bullying refers to the harassment of a pupil by another pupil or a group of pupils either verbally or physically. Teasing a pupil **repeatedly** in ways he or she does not like is also considered bullying. An argument between two roughly **equal** pupils is not considered bullying.

18. How often have you been bullied at school during this semester?

Several times a week

About once a week

Less frequently

Not at all

19. How often have you participated in bullying other pupils during this semester?

Several times a week

About once a week

Less frequently

Not at all

If you have not been bullied and have not participated in bullying at school during this semester, go to question 22.

20. Have you told any adult at your school about bullying at the school during this semester?

Yes

No (go to question 22)

## 21. What has happened since you reported the bullying?

The bullying stopped

There is less bullying now

The bullying continued as before

The bullying got worse

Don't know

# 22. Have you been bullied because of the following things during <u>this semester</u>, whether <u>at</u> <u>school or in leisure time</u>?

	Yes	No
Appearance (weight, height, body shape, etc.)		
Gender (girlish boy, boyish girl, being called a 'homo' etc.)		
Skin colour, language, foreign origin, Roma origin, Sámi origin		
Disability		
Family (parents, poverty, place of residence, etc.)		
Religion		

# Health

# 23. How is your health in general?

- Very good
- Fairly good
- Average
- Fairly bad or very bad

# 24. Have you had any of the following symptoms during this school year?

	Not at all	Sometimes	Often
Neck or shoulder pain			
Stomach ache			
Difficulty falling asleep, or waking up at night			
Headache			

# 25. Have you had any of the following symptoms during this school year?

	Not at all	Sometimes	Often
Stuffy nose or cold			
Dry or sore throat			
Cough			
Dry or runny eyes			

## Mood

### 26. How do you feel at school?

- I often feel happy
- I sometimes feel happy and sometimes feel sad
- I often feel sad

### 27. How do you feel at home?

- I often feel happy
  - I sometimes feel happy and sometimes feel sad
- I often feel sad

#### 28. Think about the last two weeks. How true are the following statements for you?

	Very true	Occasionally true	Not true
I was desperate or unhappy			
I did not enjoy anything			
I was so tired that I just sat there doing nothing			
It was difficult to think properly or to concentrate			
I thought that nobody likes me			
I thought that I could never be as good as the other kids			

## Friends

#### 29. How many good friends do you have?

- None
- One

Two or more

### 30. Do you ever feel lonely?

- Not at all
- Sometimes
- Often

## Brushing your teeth

#### 31. How often do you brush your teeth?

- Twice a day or more often
- Once a day
- Less frequently than once a day

## Meals

32. Do you eat fresh or cooked vegetables (other than potatoes) every day?
Yes
No
33. Do you eat fruit or berries every day?
Yes
No No
34. How often do you have breakfast during the <u>school week</u> ?
On 5 mornings
On 3–4 mornings
On 1–2 mornings
Never

# 35. How often do you have the following at school meals during a school week?

	On 5 days	On 3–4 days	1–2 days	Never
Main course				
Salad or shredded fresh vegetables				
Milk or buttermilk				
Bread				

## **Physical exercise**

In this questionnaire, physical exercise is any activity that increases your heart rate and causes shortness of breath for a while, for example in sports activities, playing games with friends, on the way to or from school, at recess or in PE class.

36. Think about all the moving around you have done over the past 7 days. On how many days have you been on the move for at least one hour per day?

- \_\_ On 0 days \_\_ On 1 day
- On 2 days
- On 3 days
- On 4 days
- On 5 days
- On 6 days
- On 7 days

# Smoking and other intoxicants

# **37. If one of your best friends were to offer you any of these, would you use it?** Please give an answer for each item.

	l do not know what that is	Certainly not	Probably not	Probably yes	Certainly yes
Smoking					
Snuff					
E-cigarettes					

# **38.** Do you think it is likely that you will use any of the following during <u>this or the next school</u> <u>year</u>? Please give an answer for each item.

	l do not know what that is	Certainly not	Probably not	Probably yes	Certainly yes
Smoking					
Snuff					
E-cigarettes					

#### 39. Have you ever used any of these?

	Never	I have tried it once or twice	l use it now and then
Smoking			
Snuff			
E-cigarettes			

#### 40. Have you ever tasted or drunk an alcoholic beverage, such as beer or cider?

No, I have not

I have tasted a little

I have drunk it several times

# 41. In your opinion, does either of your parents consume too much alcohol?

No (go to question 43)
Yes

## 42. Has this caused you harm?

- No
- Yes

43. Do you know any children or adolescents who have tried to or use drugs?

Nc
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Yes

44. Have you ever been offered any drugs?

No
Va

\_\_\_ Yes

## Harassment and violence

## 45. During the past <u>12 months</u>, have you experienced any of the following?

	Yes	No
Someone stole or attempted to steal something from you by using violence or threats of violence		
Someone stole something from you otherwise		
Someone threatened online, on the phone or in person to harm you physically		
Someone attacked you physically (hitting, kicking, or by using a weapon)		

You have the right to determine how you are touched. No one has the right to touch your private areas without your permission (e.g. the area covered by your swimsuit). If someone has touched you in a nasty or improper way or forced you to touch them, it is not your fault. Never keep this kind of touching a secret, even if you are told to. If you answer 'yes' to any of the following, it is very important that you also talk about it to an adult you trust.

## 46. Have you experienced any of the following during the past <u>12 months</u>?

	Yes	No
Inappropriate or uncomfortable comments on your body		
Sexually inappropriate messages or showing of sexually inappropriate videos and images		
Inappropriate, uncomfortable or scary touching of your intimate areas (e.g. areas covered by your swimsuit)		
Someone forcing you to touch their private areas (e.g. areas covered by their swimsuit)		

If you answered 'no' to all items in the previous question, you can go to question 49.

## 47. Who has or have done the things described above to you? You may choose several persons.

- A friend or other child/adolescent you know
- An adult in your family (mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, someone your parent is dating)
- Sibling (sister, brother, half-sister, half-brother)
- Other relative (grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin)
- Teacher or other adult at your school
- Coeach at a hobby, instructor or similar
- Stranger
- Other person

# 48. Have you reported the harassment or violence you have experienced during the past <u>12</u> <u>months</u> to an adult you trust?

Yes

# 49. Have your parents done any of the following to you during the past 12 months?

	Yes	No
Sulked or refused to talk to you		
Abused you verbally or called you names		
Thrown or kicked things (e.g. slamming doors)		
Threatened to hit or whip you		
Shoved or shook you violently		
Pulled your hair, snapped you with a finger or slapped you		
Punched you, hit you with an object or kicked you		
Otherwise treated you violently		

# 50. Have you seen or heard anyone other than yourself doing any of the following to any member of your family during the past <u>12 months</u>?

	Yes	No
Sulked or refused to talk to them		
Abused them verbally or called them names		
Threatened them with violence		
Shoved or shook them violently		
Pulled their hair, snapped them with a finger or slapped them		
Punched them, hit them with an object or kicked them		
Otherwise treated them violently		

# **Getting help and services**

# 51. How many times have you visited the school nurse during this school year?

Never

Once

2–3 times

] 4 or more times

The school health nurse and physician regularly conduct medical examinations on pupils. Usually the school nurse invites pupils to examinations or books them an appointment.

# 52. During this school year, have you had a health examination with the school nurse or physician?

Yes

No (go to question 55)

Don't know (go to question 55)

# 53. Was either of your parents with you at the health examination during this school year?

- Yes
- No

# 54. How were the following things at your health examination during this school year?

	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Issues that are important to me were addressed			
My views were listened to			
Things about my home were discussed			
I was able to talk about my situation honestly			

## 55. During this school year, have you visited the school social worker?

No
Yes

Don't know

# 56. During this school year, have you visited the school psychologist?

No

Yes

Don't know

# 57. Is there an adult at your school with whom you can talk about things that are worrying you if necessary?

No
Yes
Don't know



# Family and housing

58. Do you live with both your parents in one home?
Yes (go to question 61)
59. Who are the adults you live with?
I live with my parents in turns, they don't live together (go to question 61)
Only one parent (go to question 61)
I do not live with my parents
60. If you do not live with your parents, where do you live?
I live with my grandparents or other relatives, without my parents
I live in a foster family
I live in a child welfare institution
I live in a family home
None of the above

# 61. In which country were you and your parents born? Please enter an answer for all of you.

	You yourself	Mother	Father
Finland			
Sweden			
Estonia			
Russia or the former Soviet Union			
Former Yugoslavia			
Other European country			
Somalia			
Iraq			
Iran			
Afghanistan			
China			
Thailand			
Vietnam			
Other country			

# 62. How long have you lived in Finland?

More than 10 years, or all my life

5–10 years

1–4 years

Less than 1 year

# 63. Do you identify yourself as a member of any of the following cultures?

	Yes	No
Sámi		
Roma		
Finnish-Swedish		

### 64. I feel I am an important member of

	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
My immediate family			
My extended family			
My group of friends			
The group of people in my hobby			
The online community I visit most			
My classroom community			
My school community			

# 65. Have any of the following changes occurred in your life during this school year?

	Yes	No
Changing schools		
Parents' divorce		
Forming of a blended family		
Birth of a sibling		
Own serious illness, injury, etc.		
Serious illness or death of a family member or other person close to you		

## 66. Can you talk about things that concern you with your parents?

- Hardly ever
- Occasionally
- Fairly often
- Often

# 67. How often do the following happen to you?

	Often	Sometimes	Not at all
You talk with your parents about your day at school			
When you go out, you agree when you will come home			
Your parents talk to your friends when they meet them			
Your parents support and encourage you			

# 68. Our family spends enough time together.

- Agree
  - ] Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree

# Satisfaction with life in general

#### 69. How satisfied are you with your life at the moment?

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

# Leisure time

## 70. How often do you do the following things after a day at school?

	On 5–6 days a week	On 3-4 days per week	On 1–2 days a week	Less frequently
Meet friends				
Spend some time with a hobby				
Spend many hours alone				

In the following question, 'online' is used broadly to refer to the use of any applications, games, films or programmes available on various devices (phone, tablet, computer, TV). Social media and online services also come under 'online'.

#### 71. How often have you experienced the following?

	Very often	Fairly often	Not very often	Never
I have tried spending less time online, but I have failed				
I should spend more time with my family, friends or homework, but I spend all my time online				
I have found that I was online even though I did not really feel like it				
I have felt anxious when I do not get online				
I have failed to eat or sleep because of being online				

# THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE!

If anything in this questionnaire troubles you, please talk about it to your parents or some other adult you know. You can also contact your teacher, nurse, or your school psychologist or social worker.

