

Everyone counts. CENSUS 2022



As mandated by the Ministry of Education, all school boards in Ontario are required to administer a Census. Rainbow District School Board's Census will take place at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

WHO?

All students and staff in Rainbow Schools will be invited to participate in the Census. Participation is voluntary.

WHAT?

Identity-based data will be collected through a brief online questionnaire. Paper copies, accessible formats and translated versions will be available, on request.

Identity-based data includes race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ability and socio-economic status. Participants will be able to skip any question they prefer not to answer.

Questions regarding gender identity and sexual orientation are grade-level appropriate, consistent with The Ontario Curriculum, Health and Physical Education (2019). Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will not be asked about sexual orientation or gender identity.

While the census is confidential, it is not anonymous. The demographic data that is collected will be merged with student achievement data to determine challenges and opportunities for groups of students, not individual students. The workforce data will be overlaid on top of the student data.

Data will be presented in aggregate form only. Individual responses, as well as personal student and family information, will remain strictly confidential.

Rainbow District School Board is governed by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and must comply with all applicable legislation.

WHEN?

The Census will be administered from October 3 to 7, 2022.

WHERE?

Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will complete the Census online with their parents/guardians at home. Grade 9 to 12 students will fill out the census online in class.

WHY?

The purpose of the Census is to foster student success and well-being, make data-informed decisions on programs and services, and support all students to reach their full potential.

To learn more or to request an accessible format, visit rainbowschools.ca, email census@rainbowschools.ca or call 705.674.3171, ext. 7217.

