

Information for pupils, teachers and parents

Read this before you begin the Pupil Survey, Teacher Survey or Parent Survey.

What is the purpose of the survey?

The purpose of the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training's user surveys is to allow pupils, teachers and parents to express their opinions about learning and enjoyment on school. The results from the user surveys are not deleted from the Directorate's system. They are archived pursuant to regulations for use by schools, school owners and the state educational administration as an aid in analysing and improving the learning environment. Data from the surveys may also be used for research. Some results from the Pupil Survey are published on the Directorate's web site for evaluating the quality of comprehensive education; Skoleporten.

How are the surveys conducted?

User surveys are conducted in the spring and autumn of each year. The Pupil Survey in the autumn is obligatory for municipalities, county municipalities and schools. Schools may also choose to conduct the Parent Survey and the Teacher Survey. The spring surveys are voluntary for any schools that wish to participate. The surveys in themselves are voluntary and you are free to leave a question unanswered if it makes you uncomfortable or if there are any questions you do not wish to answer.

The processing agency and personal data protection

The agency that will be processing the surveys is responsible for protecting the information that is being processed, in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Act of 14 April 2000 No. 31. The processing agency is the only entity permitted to access the basic data.

The Directorate shares the responsibility of processing information from the Parent Survey and Teacher Survey with the school owners. As of autumn 2008 the Directorate acquired sole responsibility for processing the information collected from the Pupil Survey. Since the Directorate accepts full responsibility for the Pupil Survey it has done its utmost to protect confidentiality while processing the basic data from the Pupil Survey.

The respondent (the pupil, teach or parent who answers the questions in the survey) will not disclose his or her name on the survey and very strict rules has been set for how the results can be used by schools, school owners and the state educational authorities. This was done to reduce the risk of indirect recognition of the respondents.

Any questions?

Please contact your school or the Directorate for more information about the surveys. You will also find more information about the surveys at: www.udir.no/undersokelser