

Information for parents about the Pupil Survey

What is the purpose of the Pupil Survey?

The Pupil Survey gives pupils the chance to have their say about learning and well-being at their school. The results from the survey are stored and used by schools, school owners and the national education authorities to analyse and develop the pupils' school- and learning environment.

The results from the survey can also be used for research, statistics and archiving.

The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training publishes statistics from the Pupil Survey at www.udir.no.

How is the survey carried out?

Participation in the Pupil Survey is completely voluntary. Pupils are also free to skip any questions they do not want to answer.

Personal data protection and responsibility for data processing

When pupils participate in the Pupil Survey, personal data about them are collected and stored. The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training is responsible for ensuring that all personal data are processed in accordance with the data protection regulations. Conexus is the data processor and operates the technology used for the survey on behalf of the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training, and must abide by the same regulations.

Pupils are not required to state their names, and their national identity numbers are not linked to their answers. Once a pupil has completed the survey, the connection between the pupil's login code/link and the pupil himself/herself will be eliminated. This makes it difficult to determine who answered what on the survey. In some cases (responses from small schools, for example), there may nevertheless be a risk that someone could be able to link a specific answer to a specific person. For this reason, the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training applies extremely strict rules to releasing the results from the survey to the school, the school owner and the state education authorities. Results from the survey are never to be made public in a way that could make it possible to match the answers to a specific pupil. The answers are stored for as long as is necessary.

In those cases where the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training releases the answers for the purposes of research, the researchers are obliged to comply with the directorate's regulations for the processing of personal data and confidentiality, and they must sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Legal basis for processing personal data

The legal basis for processing personal data related to the Pupil Survey follows from the General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6 para. 1 lit e and Art. 9 para. 2 lit g, where the

supplementary national legal basis is set out in Section 2-3 of the Regulations for the Education Act [*forskrift til opplæringsloven*] and Section 2-3 of the Regulations for the Private School Act [*forskrift til privatskoleloven*].

Pupils cannot demand insight into, nor correction or deletion of the answers because the answers cannot be connected directly to a specific pupil.

The legal basis for research, statistics and archiving is General Data Protection Regulation Art. 6 para. 1 lit e and Art. 9 para. 2 lit j. Articles 8 and 9 of the Norwegian Personal Data Act constitute the supplementary national legal basis.

Do you have any questions?

For additional information, contact your school or the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training.

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You can also find more information (in Norwegian only) at www.udir.no/undersokelser. Questions concerning personal data protection should be addressed to the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training's Data Protection Officer at: personvernombud@udir.no

The Norwegian Data Protection Authority is the appeals body for the processing of personal data from the Pupil Survey. For additional information, see: <https://www.datatilsynet.no/om-datatilsynet/kontakt-oss/klage-til-datatilsynet/>