



Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (QSCDK) 2027

February 2027

Greetings,



The Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) is conducting the fourth edition of the *Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten* (QSCDK). The results will be used to guide and adjust services for young children in order to better prepare them for school and thus promote their academic success.

This survey stems from a partnership between the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the Ministère de l'Éducation, the Ministère de la Famille, the Lucie and André Chagnon Foundation, and the ISQ. Its purpose is to collect data on the development of children in 5-year-old kindergarten.

All 5-year-old kindergarten teachers in public and private, French- and English-language schools will be invited to complete a questionnaire for each child in their class. Please note that your child will not be asked any questions.

The information collected will focus on simple, observable behaviours related to five domains of child development. Note that the questionnaire does not provide an individual measure of development, cannot be used to establish a diagnosis, and is not intended to assess the performance of the teaching staff or the school.

Refusal form

Your child's teacher will complete the questionnaires between February and April 2027.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the survey, you must complete the refusal form on the back of this letter and return it to your child's teacher upon receipt. Not returning this refusal form means that you consent to the use of the information collected about your child.

Confidentiality and privacy

The information collected will be treated as confidential in accordance with the *Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec* (CQLR, chapter I-13.011) and the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, chapter A-2.1).

No information that can identify your child (e.g. permanent code, name, school number) will be shared. Only de-identified data will be transmitted to partner organizations and to McMaster University, solely for statistical purposes.

Ethics

The ethics committee appointed by the ISQ reviewed the survey to ensure it is conducted in a way that respects participants and protects their dignity.

For more information

To learn more about the QSCDK, read the pamphlet enclosed with this letter or visit the survey web page at statistique.quebec.ca/qscdk. You can also contact the ISQ by telephone at 1-800-561-0213 or by email at eqdem@stat.gouv.qc.ca.

Thank you for your cooperation. In doing so, you help us produce high-quality statistics that Québec needs to support the well-being and development of children.

Sincerely,



Marc Sirois
Chief Statistician

Refusal form

☐ I **do not consent** to the use of any information that may be collected about my child as part of the *Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten*.

Child's first and
last name
(please print)

Child's group

Teacher's name
(please print)

Name of school
(please print)

Parent's signature

Date

Year				Month		Day	