

Education Project Survey 2012

Parents/Guardians' Questionnaire

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Good morning/afternoon/evening,

The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University in Doha, Qatar, is conducting an education survey and your child was selected at random to be part of our sample. The information obtained here will be strictly confidential. Your name will not be printed or used in any documents or associated with any of your answers to our questions. The analysis results of these data will only be presented in an aggregate format.

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the knowledge and perceptions of parents/guardians of students towards education in Qatar. The result of this survey will help Qatar to improve the quality of its education programs. Your participation and cooperation in this survey are very important to make this study successful.

Please read all the questions and statements in this questionnaire carefully and select the responses that best describe your views. Be assured that your answers will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this study. Your responses will have absolutely no effect on your child/family member. Finally, you may choose to skip any questions that you do not wish to answer. However, answering all questions will be very helpful to Qatar in planning its education programs.

Please note the following:

- 1. All the questions are related to your child who brought you this questionnaire.*
- 2. After you finish the questionnaire, please ask the child who brought it to you to return it to the school.*

SECTION A: PARENTS' DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Q1. What is your nationality?

1. Qatari → **Go to Q3**
2. Non-Qatari

Q2. How long have you lived in Qatar?

1. Less than six months
2. Six months to one year
3. More than one year to two years
4. More than two years to five years
5. More than five years to ten years
6. More than ten years to twenty years
7. More than twenty years
8. All my life/I was born in Qatar

Q3. What is your date of birth?

Day Month Year

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Q4. What is your gender?

1. Male
2. Female

Q5. What is the highest degree or certificate you have earned?

1. Primary (1-6)
2. Preparatory (7-9)
3. Vocational
4. Secondary (10-12)
5. Post-secondary (Diploma)
6. University Graduate/BA/BCOM/BSC
7. Master's degree
8. Ph.D.
9. Other (specify)
10. Never attended any school

Q6. What is your spouse's highest education degree or certificate?

1. Primary (1-6)
2. Preparatory (7-9)
3. Vocational
4. Secondary (10-12)
5. Post-secondary (Diploma)
6. University Graduate/BA/BCOM/BSC
7. Masters' degree
8. Ph.D.
9. Other (specify)
10. Never attended any school

SECTION B: STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE

Q7. Did your child repeat any grade in the past?

1. Yes
2. No → **Go to Q10**
8. I do not know → **Go to Q10**
9. I refuse to answer → **Go to Q10**

Q8. How many times has he/she repeated grades in total?

1. Once
2. Twice
3. Three times
4. More (specify)
8. I do not know
9. I refuse to answer

Q9. In which subject(s) did he/she fail? (Select all that apply).

1. Arabic
2. English
3. Science
4. Math
5. Other (specify)
8. I do not know
9. I refuse to answer

Q10. How many days has your child missed school over the past week?

1. None
2. One day
3. Two days
4. Three days
5. Four days
6. All week
8. I do not know

Q11. In the past two weeks, did your child get any homework assignments?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No → **Go to Q14**
- 3. I do not remember → **Go to Q14**
- 8. I do not know → **Go to Q14**

Q12. In the past two weeks, how many homework assignments did he/she have?

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- 1. I do not remember
 - 8. I do not know

Q13. In general, how often does your child ask for help with his/her assignments?

- 1. Always
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Rarely
- 4. Never

Q14. In a typical day, how many hours does your child spend in activities related to studying after school hours?

- 1. None
- 2. 1-2 hours
- 3. 3-4 hours
- 4. 5-6 hours
- 5. More than 6 hours
- 8. I do not know

Q15. In a typical day, how many hours does your child spend watching TV?

- 1. None
- 2. 1-2 hours
- 3. 3-4 hours
- 4. 5-6 hours
- 5. More than 6 hours
- 8. I do not know

Q16. In a typical day, how many hours does your child spend playing video games?

1. None
2. 1-2 hours
3. 3-4 hours
4. 5-6 hours
5. More than 6 hours
8. I do not know

SECTION C: PARENTS' INVOLVMENT IN CHID'S EDUCATION

Q17. In a typical year, how many times do you or other adults from your family visit your child's school regarding matters related to him/her?

- 1. Once
- 2. Twice
- 3. Three times
- 4. Four times or more
- 5. Never
- 8. I do not know

Q18. Since the beginning of the current school year, have you or another adult member of your household been contacted personally by someone from the school about your child?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No → **Go to Q21**
- 8. I do not know → **Go to Q21**

Q19. How many times?

- 1. Once
- 2. Twice
- 3. Three times
- 4. Four times or more
- 5. I do not remember
- 8. I do not know

Q20. What was the main issue?

- 1. Related to disciplinary behavior
- 2. Low academic performance
- 3. Excellent academic performance
- 4. Not doing homework
- 5. Other (specify).....

Q22. In the past month, did you receive any information from the school about your child?

1. Yes
2. No → **Go to Q24**
8. I do not know → **Go to Q24**

Q23. How many times have you received such information?

1. Once
2. Twice
3. Three times
4. Four times or more
5. I do not remember
8. I do not know

Q24. In a typical year, how often do you receive a report on the learning performance of your child?

1. Once
2. Twice
3. Three times
4. Four times or more
5. Never
8. I do not know

Q25. How often do you or other adults at home check your child's homework assignments?

1. Always
2. Most of the time
3. Sometimes
4. Rarely
5. Never

Q26. In the past year, did you discuss any issue related to your child with the school?

1. Yes
2. No → **Go to Q29**

Q27. Did the school act on the issues you raised?

1. Yes
2. No

Q28. Based on your experience, would you raise other issues with the school in the future?

1. Yes

2. No

Q29. Does your child use private tutors?

1. Yes
2. No → **Go to Q32**

Q30. In which subject(s) does he/she use private tutors? (Choose all that apply).

1. Arabic
2. English
3. Mathematics
4. Science
5. Others, please specify

Q31. On average, how much (in Qatari Riyals) per year do you pay for your child's private tutoring?

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Q32. What type of school does your child attend?

1. Independent school
2. International school
3. Community school (Egyptian, Lebanese, Tunisian, Indian, etc.)
4. Private school
5. Other (specify)

Q33. Does the school charge tuition fees?

1. Yes
2. No

Q34. Do you pay the tuition yourself or is it paid by your employer/company?

1. Myself
2. Employer/Company

Q35. How do you rate the school fees?

1. Expensive
2. Reasonable
3. Inexpensive

Q36. Apart from the school tuition, private tutoring charges and other expenses at school, how much, in Qatari Riyals, do you spend on your child's education-related activities (such as stationaries, customs for school events, etc.)?

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9. I refuse to answer

SECTION E: PARENTS' OPINION ABOUT THE CHILD'S SCHOOL

Q37. On a scale of 1-4, to what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?

1. Strongly agree 2. Somewhat agree 3. Somewhat disagree 4. Strongly disagree 5. Not applicable

Check the box on the right side of each question corresponding to your response.

	1. Strongly agree	2. Somewhat agree	3. Somewhat disagree	4. Strongly disagree	5. Not applicable
1. My child enjoys going to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The school is providing excellent education to my child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The school listens to parents' concerns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The school prepares my child for university education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The school prepares my child for the job market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The curriculum is well prepared	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The level of communication between the school and myself/spouse is satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The standard of public education in Qatar has improved in the past five years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. The level of emphasis on Arabic at the school is satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. The level of emphasis on English at the school is satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I recommend this school to my friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. If I have the financial ability and opportunity, I will move my child from this school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. The registration process at the school is easy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q38. How optimistic are you about education in Qatar in the coming 5 years?

1. Very optimistic
2. Somewhat optimistic
3. Somewhat pessimistic
4. Very pessimistic

END

Thank you very much for your participation. We appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey.

If you have any questions about this study, kindly contact The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at 4403 3020 or sesri@qu.edu.qa.