

INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS FOR THE SOCIAL INCLUSION RESEARCH PROJECT'S SPRING 2024 SURVEY

Dear parent or guardian,

your child's school is part of the sample for "Social inclusion" research project. The research project aims to understand the extent, causes, and consequences of bullying and marginalization – and evaluate the effectiveness of tools to reduce these issues.

The first round of surveys for the research project was completed last fall. The same set of students and teachers will be surveyed between 15.4 and 3.5.2024. A team of researchers from Aalto University and Harvard University are responsible for the survey design and analysis. The survey is administered by the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) and the Research Institute for Learning Analytics at the University of Turku.

The questionnaire this spring is largely the same as that from the fall of 2023. However, some questions have been removed and some new questions have been added regarding the student's views on the social structure of the classroom as well as their understanding of behaviour in different situations.

Confidentiality and data privacy

All data collected during this survey will be handled confidentially and will be used only for research purposes. Access to student data is restricted to a handful of people, who are sworn to confidentiality. The survey is conducted electronically, and responses are directly transferred to a secure environment. No data on student responses will remain in schools. The survey data uses learning-ID's (without names) so that it can be supplemented by additional information from Statistics Finland. Before the data is provided to researchers in a secure environment, these learning ID's are further anonymized. No student will be identifiable from the results of the research.

The website for the research project (see link below) has the data-privacy brochure for students and their parents as per the data controller (Aalto University) and provides further details on the data-collection and duration of the research. This brochure is also available on the web page.

[Link to the Social Inclusion project's webpage](#)

Kind regards,

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