



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Education

School Name: _____

SECONDARY STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

School Climate Survey: Secondary Student

This survey is being given to students in Form 2 and Form 4. The questions will ask how you feel about your school and how students get along with one another and their teachers. We want to know your opinion in order to find ways to improve your school.

Your individual answers to the survey will be kept confidential, this means no one at your school will know what you answered.

The survey should take about 30-40 minutes to complete.

Note: The following survey includes questions about important but sensitive topics such as alcohol and drug use, weapons, safety concerns, and thoughts of self-harm. We recognize that some of these questions may feel personal or uncomfortable. They are included to help the Ministry and school staff better understand students' experiences and to strengthen the support provided for your safety, health, and well-being. Please answer as honestly as you feel able. You may skip any question at any time. If any question causes you distress or raises concerns, support is available through your school counselor or another trusted adult.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to find out more about this survey, you may contact:

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1. Are you male or female? *Mark one.*
 - ☐ Female
 - ☐ Male
2. What class are you in this year? *Mark one.*
 - ☐ Form 2
 - ☐ Form 4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
3. I am proud to be a student at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. I feel like I belong at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. I usually work hard on my schoolwork.	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. I keep trying even when my schoolwork is hard.	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. I think about what I am learning.	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. I pay attention during class.	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. I take part in class activities.	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Students get chances to take part in school activities outside the classroom.	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. Students are encouraged to take part in school activities and events.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about students at your school? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
12. I care about other students at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. Other students at this school care about me.	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. I get along well with other students at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
15. Students at this school treat each other kindly.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your Principal? *Mark one response per line.*

<i>At this school, the Principal...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
16. Offers one-on-one support to students.	☐	☐	☐	☐
17. Is someone who students trust.	☐	☐	☐	☐
18. Sets a standard of high achievement.	☐	☐	☐	☐
19. Takes students' concerns seriously.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about adults in your home? *Mark one answer per line.*

<i>An adult at home...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
20. Talks to me about what I'm learning at school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
21. Communicates with my school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
22. Goes to meetings at school to see how I am doing in class.	☐	☐	☐	☐
23. Talks with me about my friends and interests.	☐	☐	☐	☐
24. Encourages me to do my best at school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
25. Talks to me about my aspirations for the future.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about adults at your school? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
26. Adults at this school care about me and my feelings.	☐	☐	☐	☐
27. Adults at this school listen to what I have to say.	☐	☐	☐	☐
28. Adults at this school treat me with respect.	☐	☐	☐	☐
29. There is an adult at this school that I could talk to if I needed help.	☐	☐	☐	☐
30. Adults at this school help students when they have a problem.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about teachers at your school?*Mark one answer per line.*

<i>My teachers...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
31. Explain things in a way that I can understand.	☐	☐	☐	☐
32. Notice if I have trouble learning something.	☐	☐	☐	☐
33. Explain what I need to do to improve my work.	☐	☐	☐	☐
34. Help me catch up if I am behind.	☐	☐	☐	☐
35. Encourage students to ask for help.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about teachers at your school? *Mark one answer per line.*

<i>Teachers at this school...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
36. Believe that students can learn and improve.	☐	☐	☐	☐
37. Encourage all students to do their best.	☐	☐	☐	☐
38. Believe I can succeed.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Mark one answer per line.*

<i>At this school...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
39. The school rules are clear and easy to understand.	☐	☐	☐	☐
40. I know the consequences if I break school rules.	☐	☐	☐	☐
41. The school rules are fair.	☐	☐	☐	☐
42. If students are accused of doing something wrong, they are given a chance to explain.	☐	☐	☐	☐
43. The rules are applied equally to all students.	☐	☐	☐	☐
44. Students are recognized for their good behaviour.	☐	☐	☐	☐
45. When students get in trouble, teachers explain why the behaviour is not acceptable.	☐	☐	☐	☐
46. Students are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and learn from their actions.	☐	☐	☐	☐
47. This school does not just punish bad behaviour but also encourages positive behaviour.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
48. I feel safe at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
49. I feel safe travelling between my home and this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
50. If another student talked about causing harm to someone, I would tell a teacher or another adult at school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
51. If another student brought a weapon to school, I would tell a teacher or another adult at school.	☐	☐	☐	☐

52. Are there specific places at school that you do not feel safe? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ I feel safe in all areas of my school | ☐ Cafeteria |
| ☐ Bathrooms | ☐ Field/Courtyard |
| ☐ Hallways | ☐ Classrooms |
| ☐ On my way to or from school | |

Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose. The bully hurts the other person over and over. The person being bullied feels that he or she can do nothing to stop it. Bullying can happen anywhere. It can happen while going to school, at school, or while online. The person being hurt feels the bully has more power because the person being hurt thinks the bully is more popular, stronger, bigger, smarter, or cooler. Bullying makes the person being bullied feel intimidated or humiliated.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this school?

Mark one answer per line.

<i>At this school...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
53. Bullying among students is a problem.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**Agree a little**” or “**Agree a lot**” to Question 53, go to **Question 54**.

If you answered “**Disagree a little**” or “**Disagree a lot**” to Question 53, go to **Question 55**.

54. What kinds of bullying have you seen happening among students? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Verbal bullying
(e.g., someone said mean or insulting things to another student, or threatened them)
- ☐ Physical bullying
(e.g., a student hit, kicked, or pushed another student)
- ☐ Social bullying
(e.g., students ignored someone, left them out, or excluded them from activities)
- ☐ Cyberbullying
(e.g., someone used social media, text messages, or apps like WhatsApp to insult other students or spread rumours about them)

<i>At this school...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
55. Bullying of students by adults is a problem.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**Agree a little**” or “**Agree a lot**” to Question 55, go to **Question 56**.

If you answered “**Disagree a little**” or “**Disagree a lot**” to Question 55, go to **Question 57**.

56. What kinds of bullying have you seen happening to students by adults at your school? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Verbal bullying
(e.g., a teacher or other staff member said mean or insulting things to students, picked on them, or spoke to them in a hurtful way)
- ☐ Physical bullying
(e.g., a staff member pushed, hit, or handled students roughly)
- ☐ Social bullying
(e.g., a staff member ignored students unfairly, embarrassed them, or excluded them from activities)
- ☐ Cyberbullying
(e.g., a staff member used messages, social media, or apps like WhatsApp to insult students or spread rumours about them)

57. In general, what are students at your school most often bullied about? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ How they look | ☐ How they do in school / their academic abilities |
| ☐ What they wear | ☐ How they speak |
| ☐ Their race | ☐ Their family or home situation |
| ☐ Their religion | ☐ The country they come from |
| ☐ Where they live | ☐ Their interests or hobbies (e.g., what they like or don't like) |
| ☐ Their disability | ☐ I don't know |

Has the following happened to you personally at school this year? This includes school events like field trips, school events, and sports events. Mark one response per line.

<i>At this school...</i>	No	One Time	A Couple of Times	Many Times
58. A student at school bullied me.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**One Time**,” “**A Couple of Times**,” or “**Many Times**” to Question 58, go to **Question 59**.

If you answered “**No**” to Question 58, go to **Question 60**.

59. What kinds of bullying have you experienced from students? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Verbal bullying
(e.g., someone said mean or insulting things to you, or threatened to hurt you)
- ☐ Physical bullying
(e.g., someone repeatedly hit, kicked or shoved you, etc.,)
- ☐ Social bullying
(e.g., students ignored you, left you out, or excluded you from activities)
- ☐ Cyberbullying
(e.g., someone used social media, text messages, or apps like WhatsApp to insult you or spread rumours about you)

<i>At this school...</i>	No	One Time	A Couple of Times	Many Times
60. An adult at school bullied me.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**One Time**,” “**A Couple of Times**,” or “**Many Times**” to Question 60, go to **Question 61**.

If you answered “**No**” to Question 60, go to **Question 62**.

61. What kinds of bullying have you experienced from adults at your school? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Verbal bullying
(e.g., a teacher or other staff member said mean or insulting things to you, picked on you, or spoke to you in a hurtful way)
- ☐ Physical bullying
(e.g., a staff member pushed, hit, or handled you roughly)
- ☐ Social bullying
(e.g., a staff member ignored you unfairly, embarrassed you, or excluded you from activities)
- ☐ Cyberbullying
(e.g., a staff member used messages, social media, or apps like WhatsApp to insult you or spread rumours about you)

If you have experienced any of the bullying listed above at school this year ... Mark one answer per line.

	Yes	No	I have not experienced any of the above
62. Did you tell a teacher or another adult at school what happened?	☐	☐	☐
63. Was anything done about it?	☐	☐	☐

64. Is there a police officer stationed at your school?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

If you answered “Yes” to Question 64, go to **Question 65**.

If you answered “No” or “I don't know” to Question 64, go to **Question 71**.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the police officer stationed at this school? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
65. I feel safer knowing there is a police officer at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
66. Students at this school treat the police officer with respect.	☐	☐	☐	☐
67. The presence of a police officer helps prevent student fights or violence.	☐	☐	☐	☐
68. Given the behaviour of some students, having a police officer at this school is necessary.	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
69. Students feel comfortable approaching the police officer if they need help.	☐	☐	☐	☐

70. In your opinion, what should the role of the police officer at your school be? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ Provide mentorship or guidance to students | ☐ Help prevent conflicts with students from other schools |
| ☐ Patrol the school compound and monitor safety | ☐ Build positive relationships with students |
| ☐ Help manage or de-escalate student conflicts or fights | ☐ Help ensure school rules are followed |
| ☐ Monitor the school gate or entrances to help control who enters the school | ☐ I am not sure what their role should be |
| ☐ Help supervise students during school activities and events | ☐ Other |

71. Is there a Safety Officer stationed at your school?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't know

If you answered “Yes” to Question 71, go to **Question 72**.

If you answered “No” or “I don't know” to Question 71, go to **Question 78**.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the Safety officer stationed at this school? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
72. I feel safer knowing there is a Safety Officer at this school.	☐	☐	☐	☐
73. Students at this school treat the Safety Officer with respect.	☐	☐	☐	☐
74. The presence of a Safety Officer helps prevent student fights or violence.	☐	☐	☐	☐
75. Given the behaviour of some students, having a Safety Officer at this school is necessary.	☐	☐	☐	☐
76. Students feel comfortable approaching the Safety Officer if they need help.	☐	☐	☐	☐

77. In your opinion, what should the role of the Safety Officer at your school be? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ Provide mentorship or guidance to students | ☐ Help prevent conflicts with students from other schools |
| ☐ Patrol the school compound and monitor safety | ☐ Build positive relationships with students |
| ☐ Help manage or de-escalate student conflicts or fights | ☐ Help ensure school rules are followed |
| ☐ Monitor the school gate or entrances to help control who enters the school | ☐ I am not sure what their role should be |
| ☐ Help supervise students during school activities and events | ☐ Other |

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
78. My school building is well taken care of.	☐	☐	☐	☐
79. Classrooms in my school are clean and tidy.	☐	☐	☐	☐
80. My classroom is well lit.	☐	☐	☐	☐
81. The temperature in my classroom is cool and comfortable.	☐	☐	☐	☐
82. My classroom has enough space for students to move around easily.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
83. All students are given the same learning opportunities, regardless of whether they are rich or poor.	☐	☐	☐	☐
84. All students are given the same learning opportunities, regardless of their race, nationality, or religion.	☐	☐	☐	☐
85. The things I learn at this school reflect multiple cultural backgrounds.	☐	☐	☐	☐
86. Everyone at this school shows respect for the cultural beliefs, languages, and practices of others.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

<i>At this school students are taught how to...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
87. Understand and manage their emotions, thoughts and behaviour.	☐	☐	☐	☐
88. Be considerate about how others feel.	☐	☐	☐	☐
89. Reflect on their behaviour and choices.	☐	☐	☐	☐
90. Resolve conflicts peacefully.	☐	☐	☐	☐

91. What grades did you get on your most recent end of term report? *Mark one.*

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| ☐ Mostly 90% -100% | ☐ Mostly 60%-69% |
| ☐ Mostly 80%-89% | ☐ Mostly 50%-59% |
| ☐ Mostly 70%-79% | ☐ Mostly Under 50% |

92. What are your plans after secondary school? *Mark one.*

- ☐ I do not have plans after secondary school.
- ☐ I expect to get a job.
- ☐ I expect to join the military/ police service/ fire service.
- ☐ I expect to attend a technical/ trade school or pursue an apprenticeship.
- ☐ I expect to go to Form 6.
- ☐ I expect to go to university.

93. How often are you absent from school? *Mark one.*

- ☐ Almost never or rarely
- ☐ Once every two weeks
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ 2 or more times a week
- ☐ 3 or more times a week

94. What are the reasons you are most often absent from school? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ Illness/Injury | ☐ No money to get to school |
| ☐ No transport | ☐ Don't feel like coming to school |
| ☐ Caring for family member | ☐ Working in a job/family business |
| ☐ Family issues | ☐ Don't feel safe at school |
| ☐ Issues with teachers | ☐ Difficulty with schoolwork |
| ☐ Issues with other students | |

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one response per line.

Note: By “seriously considered,” we mean thinking carefully or repeatedly about dropping out of school. This does not include brief or passing thoughts.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
95. I have seriously thought about dropping out of school.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**Agree a little**” or “**Agree a lot**” to Question 95, go to **Question 96**.

If you answered “**Disagree a little**” or “**Disagree a lot**” to Question 95, go to **Question 97**.

96. What are the main reasons you considered dropping out of school? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ Illness/Injury | ☐ No money to get to school |
| ☐ No transport to get to school | ☐ I don't feel like coming to school |
| ☐ Caring for family member | ☐ Working in a job/ family business |
| ☐ Family issues/responsibilities | ☐ Don't feel safe at school |
| ☐ Issues with teachers | ☐ I find schoolwork difficult |
| ☐ I think that school is a waste of time | ☐ I am not interested in what I am learning in school |
| ☐ Issues with other students | ☐ Other |

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
97. I intend to drop out of school before graduating.	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you answered “**Agree a little**” or “**Agree a lot**” to Question 97, go to **Question 98**.

If you answered “**Disagree a little**” or “**Disagree a lot**” to Question 97, go to **Question 99**.

98. What are the main reasons you are considering leaving school before graduating? *Tick all that apply.*

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| ☐ Illness/Injury | ☐ No money to get to school |
| ☐ No transport to get to school | ☐ I don't feel like coming to school |
| ☐ Caring for family member | ☐ Working in a job/ family business |
| ☐ Family issues/responsibilities | ☐ Don't feel safe at school |
| ☐ Issues with teachers | ☐ I find schoolwork difficult |
| ☐ I think that school is a waste of time | ☐ I am not interested in what I am learning in school |
| ☐ Issues with other students | ☐ Other |

99. How many days have you been suspended out of school this year? *Mark one.*

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| ☐ I have not been suspended from school this year | ☐ I have been suspended for three days |
| ☐ I have been suspended for one day | ☐ I have been suspended for four days |
| ☐ I have been suspended for two days | ☐ I have been suspended for five or more days |

The next section includes questions about sensitive topics, such as alcohol and drug use, weapons, and thoughts of self-harm. Please remember that your responses are confidential, and you may skip any question you do not feel comfortable answering.

100. Have you consumed alcohol in the last 30 days?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you answered **“Yes”** to Question 100, go to **Question 101**.

If you answered **“No”** to Question 100, go to **Question 102**.

101. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?
Mark one.

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| ☐ 1 or 2 days | ☐ 10 to 19 days |
| ☐ 3 to 5 days | ☐ 20 or more days |
| ☐ 6 to 9 days | |

102. Have you used marijuana, tobacco, or a vape in the last 30 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered “**Yes**” to Question 102, go to **Question 103**.

If you answered “**No**” to Question 102, go to **Question 105**.

103. Which of the following have you used in the past 30 days? *Tick all that apply.*

- ☐ Marijuana (weed)
- ☐ A vape or e-cigarette
- ☐ Tobacco or cigarettes

104. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use marijuana, tobacco, or a vape?
Mark one.

- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 or more days

105. Have you carried a weapon (e.g., gun, knife etc.,) in the last 30 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered “**Yes**” to Question 105, go to **Question 106**.

If you answered “**No**” to Question 105, go to **Question 107**.

106. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, etc.,? *Mark one.*

- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 or more days

The next question asks about serious thoughts of attempting suicide. By “seriously considered,” we mean thinking carefully or repeatedly about attempting suicide. This does not include brief or passing thoughts.

107. During the past 6 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide? *Mark one.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered “**Yes**” to Question 107, go to **Question 108**.

If you answered “**No**” to Question 107, go to **Question 109**.

108. During the past 6 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide? *Mark one.*

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| ☐ 0 times | ☐ 4 or 5 times |
| ☐ 1 time | ☐ 6 or more times |
| ☐ 2 to 3 times | |

How often do you feel this way when you arrive at school? *Mark one answer per line.*

	Almost Everyday	Often	Sometimes	Almost Never
109. I feel happy.	☐	☐	☐	☐
110. I feel tired.	☐	☐	☐	☐
111. I feel hungry.	☐	☐	☐	☐
112. I feel frustrated/ angry.	☐	☐	☐	☐

In the last 30 days, how often...

	Almost Everyday	Often	Sometimes	Almost Never
113. Were you sad?	☐	☐	☐	☐
114. Were you grouchy, irritable, or in a bad mood?	☐	☐	☐	☐
115. Did you feel hopeless about the future?	☐	☐	☐	☐
116. Did you have difficulty concentrating on your schoolwork?	☐	☐	☐	☐
117. Did you have trouble sleeping?	☐	☐	☐	☐

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your home?*Mark one answer per line.*

<i>At home I have...</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
118. The things I need to feel comfortable (e.g., food, clothes, and a safe place to sleep).	☐	☐	☐	☐
119. Enough light to read or do homework.	☐	☐	☐	☐
120. A quiet place to do homework.	☐	☐	☐	☐
121. A computer or tablet I can use.	☐	☐	☐	☐
122. Internet that works well.	☐	☐	☐	☐

123. About how many books are there in your home (not including school textbooks)?

- ☐ 0–10 books
- ☐ 11–50 books
- ☐ 51–100 books
- ☐ More than 100 books

Optional Modules

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
124. I know how to disagree without starting an argument or a fight.	☐	☐	☐	☐
125. I try to understand how others think and feel.	☐	☐	☐	☐
126. I know how to decide right from wrong.	☐	☐	☐	☐
127. I can control myself when I am upset.	☐	☐	☐	☐

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Mark one answer per line.

<i>Teachers at this school....</i>	Disagree a lot	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree a lot
128. Expect me to explain my answer to a question.	☐	☐	☐	☐
129. Ask me to think about different ways to solve problems.	☐	☐	☐	☐
130. Ask me to work on projects with other students in my class.	☐	☐	☐	☐
131. Ask me to talk about what I am learning.	☐	☐	☐	☐
132. Often connect what I am learning to life outside the classroom.	☐	☐	☐	☐