Pupil Survey – read this before you answer (Grades 11, 12 and 13)

What is the object of the Pupil Survey?
The Pupil Survey is your chance to have your say about what you think about learning and well-being at your school. Schools, school owners and the national education authorities store and use the results of the survey in order to analyse and develop your school and your learning environment. Data from the survey may also be used for research, and researchers can request raw data from the survey. Some of the results from the Pupil Survey are published on the “School Portal” website at skoleporten.udir.no

How does the survey work?
You can complete the Pupil Survey either in the spring term or autumn term. The Pupil Survey is completely voluntary, and you can skip any questions that you don’t want to answer.

Protection of personal data and responsibility for data processing
When you complete the Pupil Survey, we store information about you. This is called personal data. The Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training is responsible for ensuring that your personal data is processed correctly and in accordance with applicable data protection regulations. Conexus is responsible for the technical implementation of the survey on behalf of the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training, and they must follow the same rules regarding personal data.

You do not provide your name or your national identity number. This means that your answers will be completely anonymous. Once you have completed the survey, the link between the login code you received and your responses is broken, which makes it extremely difficult to find out who answered what on the survey. However, in exceptional cases, there may be a theoretical possibility for someone to recognise your answers (indirect identification), for example at small schools where people may have background knowledge of those who responded to the survey. Consequently, we have very strict rules for showing the results of the surveys – this applies to schools, school owners and national education authorities. We have implemented special rules (anonymisation rules) to hide certain results and thus reduce the risk that someone could indirectly recognise your answers. Data from the survey will never be made public in a way that could make it possible to recognise your answers.

In cases where we provide data to researchers, they must follow the rules set out by the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training for data processing and confidentiality, and they must sign a non-disclosure statement.

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 (GDPR), Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(g), with supplementary national legal basis 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 Independent School Act [forskrift til friskoleloven].

Do you have any questions?
For more information, please contact your school. You can also find more information (only in Norwegian) at www.udir.no/undersokelser. If you have any questions concerning data protection related to the survey, please contact the Data Protection Officer at the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training by e-mail at: personvernombud@udir.no
If you would like to make a complaint about the Norwegian Directorate of Education and Training’s processing of personal data in connection with the Pupil Survey, please contact the Norwegian Data Protection Authority. You can find more information (only in Norwegian) on the Norwegian Data Protection Authority’s website: https://www.datatilsynet.no/om-datatilsynet/kontakt-oss/hvordan-kan-jeg-klage-til-datatilsynet/

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