

Dear students and parents/guardians,

The school uses a web-based self-evaluation system called Skólapúlsinn to monitor its operations and improve the school. An important part of that self-evaluation is asking a sample of students questions about their study environment, their school engagement and their well-being. The table below contains an overview of what the survey measures.

Study environment	Student engagement	Health and well-being
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attitude and loyalty towards the school</li><li>• Relating to other students</li><li>• Student-teacher relationship</li><li>• Active class participation</li><li>• Formative assessment (feedback from teachers)</li><li>• Encouragement to self-reflect</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest in studies</li><li>• Study methods</li><li>• Reasons for absence</li><li>• Formal duties in a typical week</li><li>• The use of AI in school</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Well-being</li><li>• Happiness</li><li>• Self-esteem</li><li>• Locus of control</li><li>• Depression</li><li>• Anxiety</li><li>• Sleep deprivation</li><li>• Reasons for sleep deprivation</li><li>• Bullying</li><li>• Harassment and violence</li></ul>

The students who get randomly chosen for the sample will answer a questionnaire online once during the school year. It takes around 20 minutes to complete the survey. The survey forms a part of the school's internal evaluation, which is required by law. The results are only displayed as means and ratios for groups.

The processing of the survey fulfils the requirements of Act no. 90/2018 on Data Protection and the Processing of Personal Data and complies with the European Council's GDPR Regulation. Four processes have been developed for this purpose:

- ✓ **All personal data is deleted before the survey begins** unless a respondent asks specifically to be reminded if they forget to complete the survey. In such instances, personal data is automatically deleted once the survey has been completed.
- ✓ **All messaging is encrypted (https:)** which reduces the risk of real-time monitoring of responses.
- ✓ **Open-ended answers are saved separately from other responses in the survey** so information in open-ended answers cannot be linked in any way to answers to multiple choice questions in the survey.
- ✓ **The use of cookies is limited**, see further information on [www.visar.is](http://www.visar.is) under Privacy Policy.

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the schools intention to implement the system. If you do not want your child to take part, please contact the schools office.

Further information on the self-evaluation system can be found here: [www.skolapulsinn.is/um](http://www.skolapulsinn.is/um). You can also contact Skólapúlsinn by phone at 583-0700 and by email: [skolapulsinn@skolapulsinn.is](mailto:skolapulsinn@skolapulsinn.is).