

SSES 2026 - DATA PROTECTION DECLARATION ON TEACHER DATA

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth (MENJE) are committed to protecting the personal data they collect, in line with the OECD's Personal Data Protection Rules and the rights set out in Articles 15-19 GDPR, such as the right of access by the data subject, the right to rectification, the right to erasure and the right to restriction of processing.

The OECD, together with the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, is doing **Round 3 of the Survey on Social and Emotional Skills (SSES)**. This is an international survey that helps understand the social and emotional skills of students in different places around the world. All sites include 15-year-old students, and some also include 10-year-olds including Luxembourg.

Teachers of the participating students and school staff responsible for social and emotional learning also take part. In some places, parents/guardians and caregivers are asked questions too including Luxembourg.

As part of the survey, we (MENJE) will ask you some questions about yourself and your work. These include your gender, age group, work experience, and teaching qualification. You will also answer statements about your skills as a teacher, such as how you make decisions, support students, communicate, manage emotions, and solve problems. In addition, you will be asked about how you teach social and emotional learning (SEL), what makes it easier or harder, the subjects you teach, your training, and how often you use different SEL strategies in class. The survey will also ask about your views on your school, your opinions about SEL, and what responsibilities you see as part of your role as a teacher.

We use this information to help answer the following questions:

- Do students with different backgrounds have different skills? For example, do girls or boys have higher or lower skills?
- How are these skills connected to students' lives? For example, to how they feel, how they do in school, or their friendships.
- What things in students' lives help them build these skills? For example, family, friends, teachers, or school activities.
- How do students' skills differ between the countries and places taking part in the study?
- How do students' skills change as they grow up or over time? For example, do 10- or 15-year-olds have higher or lower skills?

What happens in the survey?

In this survey, you will answer different types of questions on a digital device. Some questions will ask you whether you agree or disagree with statements about yourself, your work, or your school. You will also read short descriptions of hypothetical classroom situations and rate how effective different reactions would be.

Taking part in this survey is your choice. You can decide if you want to answer the questions or not. You can skip any question you do not want to answer, and you can stop participating at any time while you are doing the survey.

What happens to my personal information? How do you keep it safe?

After the survey is completed, the collected information is shared with the OECD SSES team. No personal information of respondents or addresses, or any other contact details of their schools are shared. This ensures that no one can identify whose answers or school grades the data refer to.

To further protect the information:

- All answers and school grades are assigned a code number (ID) instead of a name. The OECD team does not receive any names or contact details.
- Any identifying information that may be collected is stored separately from survey answers and school-grade information.
- If results are reported or presented, they are shown only as group findings, never with individual names or any information that could identify someone.
- Answers will be included, in de-identified form (using an ID and with any details changed so that identifying someone is impossible), in databases that will be used strictly for research purposes and accessed only after obtaining approval from the OECD.

How long will you keep my personal information?

We, the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth will keep respondents' information safe until the end of the Main Survey. After this, we will destroy any documents that contain names or contact details. This is planned to occur in June 2027.

Until then, respondents have the right to ask what personal information we hold about them. They may request corrections if something is wrong, ask that their information not be used, or request its deletion in certain cases.

If I have questions about my personal data, what do I do?

If you have questions regarding your personal information, or want to modify or delete them, please contact the SSES Project Management Team at sses.script@men.lu.

For any other questions regarding the protection of your personal information, please contact the MENJE Data Protection Officer at dpo@men.lu.