



*The National Survey of Independent Chinese Secondary Schools 2016-2017*

# Parent/Guardian Questionnaire



The United Chinese School Committees' Association of Malaysia

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## Introduction

*The National Survey of Independent Chinese Secondary Schools 2016-2017* consists of 5 different areas: School (facilities and structure), School Leadership, Teacher, Student and Parent/Guardian, in order to collect comprehensive responses and to understand the current situation of Independent Chinese Secondary School.

This particular questionnaire: Parent/Guardian questionnaire will be distributed to all Independent Chinese Secondary Schools' Junior Middle 1 and Senior Middle 3 student's parent respectively. The included topics are as follow:

- 1) Family Background
- 2) Family Financial Status
- 3) Cost of Child's Education
- 4) Attitude to Child's Study and School Participation
- 5) Parental Support for Learning at Home
- 6) Expectation of Child's Education
- 7) School Choice
- 8) Expectation of Independent Chinese Secondary School Education

This questionnaire should be completed by **a parent (or jointly by both parents) or guardian** of each student. It will take **approximately 30 minutes** to complete. To make the wording of the questions simple, <the student who will bring this questionnaire home> is often referred to as 'your child'.

**There are no right or wrong answers**, please select the answer that suit your choice most.

The information you provide will be extremely valuable in reflecting a clearer situation of how progressive the Independent Chinese Secondary School's education is today, which is the fundamental keystone for drafting of *The Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary School Education Blueprint*. Kindly fill in your answers in the spaces provided in the **Answer Sheet** and submit it to the school. Please do not fold the Answer Sheet or make any stray marks on it.

**We respect the anonymity of the respondents.** All responses to this questionnaire will be treated as confidential and only served for research purposes.

**Your information given is valuable to us**

1 Please fill in your child's 2016 mid-year examination results.

*Remark: rounding decimal to the nearest whole number.*

- A. 40% or below
- B. 40% – 59%
- C. 60% – 69%
- D. 70% – 79%
- E. 80% – 100%

2 What is the level of study is your child?

- A. Junior middle 1
- B. Senior middle 3

**(1) Family Background**

3 Who will complete the questionnaire?

- A. Father
- B. Mother
- C. Grandfather/Grandmother
- D. Brother/Sister
- E. Guardian

4 How old is the child's father (male guardian)?

- A. Below 31 years old
- B. 31-40 years old
- C. 41-50 years old
- D. Above 51 years old
- E. Deceased

5 How old is the child's mother (female guardian)?

- A. Below 31 years old
- B. 31-40 years old
- C. 41-50 years old
- D. Above 51 years old
- E. Deceased

- 6 What is the highest academic qualification of the child's father (male guardian)?
- A. Primary school level or below
  - B. Secondary school level
  - C. College level (diploma or certificate)
  - D. University level (bachelor degree)
  - E. Postgraduate level (Master or PhD)
- 7 What is the highest academic qualification of the child's mother (female guardian)?
- A. Primary school level or below
  - B. Secondary school level
  - C. College level (diploma or certificate)
  - D. University level (bachelor degree)
  - E. Postgraduate level (Master or PhD)

**(2) Family Financial Status**

- 8 What is the status quo of the work of the child's father (male guardian)?
- A. Self employed
  - B. Full time employment with salary
  - C. Part time employment with salary
  - D. Unemployed, looking for a job
  - E. Others (retired, household work etc.)
- 9 What is the status quo of the work of the child's mother (female guardian)?
- A. Self employed
  - B. Full time employment with salary
  - C. Part time employment with salary
  - D. Unemployed, looking for a job
  - E. Others (retired, household work etc.)

- 10 What is your annual household income? (Please add together the total income, before tax, from all members of your household. )

*Remark: All information given is kept strictly confidential.*

- A. Below RM18,000
- B. RM18,000-RM36,000
- C. RM36,001-RM72,000
- D. RM72,001-RM144,000
- E. Above RM144,000

### **(3) Cost of Child's Education**

- 11 In the last twelve months, about how much would you have paid for your child's (the student who brought this questionnaire home) education? (Including tuition fee, school transportation fee, general fee, and any other fees paid to individual teachers in the school or to other teachers for any tutoring your child receives, as well as any fees for cram school.)

*Remark: the total education expenses in 12 months*

- A. Below RM1,000
- B. RM1,000—RM5,000
- C. RM5,001—RM9,000
- D. RM9,001—RM13,000
- E. Above RM13,000

- 12 How much of the percentage of your child's education cost in the annual household income?

*Remark: rounding decimal to the nearest whole number.*

- A. Below 10%
- B. 10%—15%
- C. 16%—20%
- D. 21%—25%
- E. Above 25%

#### (4) Attitude to Child's Study and School Participation

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

*Remark: Please select only ONE answer to each statement.*

**(Selection: A. Strongly agree<sup>1</sup> B. Agree<sup>2</sup> C. Disagree<sup>3</sup> D. Strongly disagree<sup>4</sup>)**

- 13 My child is interested in learning.
- 14 My child love reading, such as books, newsletters, magazine etc.
- 15 My child's school teaches my child self-discipline and obedience.
- 16 My child's school helps my child in interacting with others.
- 17 My child likes to go to school.
- 18 My child likes to interact with other students.
- 19 Teachers care about the development of my child
- 20 My child likes to be involved in school activities.
- 21 My child's school provides regular and useful information on my child's progress.
- 22 My child's school has provided sufficient communicative channels such as via Parents' Day, school website, suggestion box etc. for me to express my view.
- 23 Current Parent-Teacher Association/Alumni Club enhances the interaction between the parents and the school.
- 24 My child's school is willing to listen to the parents' opinions.
- 25 My child's school always invites parents to get involve in the school activities.

#### (5) Parental Support for Learning at Home

How often do you or someone else in your home do the following things with your child?

*Remark: Choose only ONE answer for each statement.*

**(Selection: A. Almost every day<sup>1</sup> B. Once or twice a week<sup>2</sup> C. Once or twice a month<sup>3</sup>  
D. Once or twice a year<sup>4</sup> E. Hardly any or none at all<sup>5</sup>)**

- 26 Eat <the main meal> with my child on the table.
- 27 Spend time talking to my child.
- 28 Discuss how well my child is doing at school.
- 29 Help my child to revise the school's lessons.
- 30 Help my child with his/her homework.

**(6) Expectation of Your Child's Education**

- 31 Which of the following do you expect your child to complete?
- A. Secondary level
  - B. Vocational study
  - C. College or university level (diploma, B A degree, tertiary, etc.)
  - D. Master's degree
  - E. PhD

**(7) School Choice**

How important are the following reasons for choosing a school for your child?

*Remark: Choose only ONE answer for each statement.*

(Selection: **A. Very important<sup>1</sup>**                      **B. Important<sup>2</sup>**  
**C. Slightly important<sup>3</sup>**                      **D. Not important<sup>4</sup>**)

- 32 The school is at a short distance to home.
- 33 The school has a good reputation.
- 34 The school's records of academic and student achievements are high.
- 35 The school has qualified teachers
- 36 The school's facilities are adequate.
- 37 The overall satisfaction of school's disciplinary and moral education.
- 38 The school offers specific courses and teaching pedagogies.
- 39 Diversity of co-curricular activities
- 40 Other immediate family members attended the same school.
- 41 Affordable tuition fee and other charges.
- 42 Hostel is provided.
- 43 The school's < financial aid> is available, such as access to get a study loan, scholarship, or grant.
- 44 The school nurtures an amicable and pleasant school climate for studies.
- 45 The school has a safe environment.
- 46 The school is an Independent Chinese Secondary School.

## **(8) Expectation of Independent Chinese Secondary School Education**

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the following aspects regarding the Independent Chinese Secondary School Education?

*Remark: Choose only ONE answer for each statement.*

(**Selection: A. Very satisfied<sup>1</sup>                      B. Satisfied<sup>2</sup>**  
**C. Dissatisfied<sup>3</sup>                                      D. Mostly dissatisfied<sup>4</sup>**)

- 47    Quality of the teachers
- 48    Co-curricular activities
- 49    Disciplinary and moral education
- 50    The standard and quality of curriculum
- 51    The school climate and culture

**Thank you**  
**for your cooperation in completing this questionnaire.**