

QUICK FACTS 2016

Highlights from the People for Education Annual Report on Ontario's Publicly Funded Schools 2016

Health

- 48% of elementary schools have a health and physical education teacher.
- 61% of urban/suburban elementary schools have a health and physical education teacher, compared to 30% of small town/rural schools.
- 50% of elementary and 76% of secondary schools report having a regularly scheduled social worker.

Arts

- 43% of elementary schools have a music teacher, either full- or part-time.
- 33% of urban/suburban elementary schools have a full-time music teacher, compared to 11% in small town/rural schools

Libraries

- only 54% of elementary schools have teacher–librarians, and only 10% have a full-time teacher–librarian.
- only 55% of secondary schools report a full-time teacher–librarian.
- 60% of elementary schools in urban/suburban communities report having a teacher–librarian, compared to 44% of small town/rural schools.

Guidance

- 99% of all secondary schools report having a guidance counsellor.
- only 25% of elementary schools with grades 7 and 8 have a guidance counsellor, either full- or part-time.
- 94% of urban/suburban secondary schools have a full-time guidance counsellor, compared to 74% of small town/rural schools.

Special Education

- An average of 17% of students in each elementary school, and 27% of students in each secondary school receive any assistance from the special education department.
- 59% of elementary and 52% of secondary schools report that there are restrictions on the number of students they can place on waiting lists for assessments.
- 91% of urban/suburban elementary schools report having a full-time special education teacher, compared to 66% in small town/rural schools.

Indigenous Education

- 29% of elementary schools and 49% of secondary schools had indigenous guest speakers.
- 31% of elementary schools and 53% of secondary schools offer professional development opportunities on indigenous cultural issues to staff.