

Dear Educator,

**Re: Invitation to Participate in the Multi-National DQ Test**

I represent a team of researchers from the DQ Institute and would like to invite your school to take part in our multi-national DQ Test (the Test). In collaboration with a wider DQ Coalition comprised of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), Nanyang Technology University (NTU), and other world-leading universities, the Test has been designed to understand the digital lives of our participants: from their screen time habits, to their knowledge of digital issues such as digital footprints, to their exposure to specific cyber-risks.

Digital media and technology are evolving at a dizzying pace, bringing with them extraordinary opportunities as well as real risks for all. Around the world, we are witnessing children use the immense power of the Internet and mobile technologies to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined. Nonetheless, our research has also revealed that cyber-risks are a systemic risk that children face online. Left unguided, we leave our children vulnerable to issues of cyberbullying, identity theft, and hacking, without the requisite skills to manage and mitigate these risks.

To empower children around the world with these skills, we've created Digital Intelligence (DQ): the sum of technical, mental, and social competencies essential to digital life (<https://www.dqinstitute.org>). With their participation in the Test, your students will be assessed on their performance across the 8 basic competencies of DQ Citizenship: screen time management, privacy management, cyberbullying management, digital citizen identity, digital footprint management, cyber security management, critical thinking management, critical thinking, and digital empathy.

As part of your participation, your school will receive a DQ Score Card showcasing your student body's average preliminary DQ Scores and their exposure to cyber-risks in comparison to national averages. While there is no minimum participation, **we strongly encourage at least 50 students to complete the Test in order for the results to be accurately indicative of your students' digital competencies.**

Participation in the Test is completely voluntary and free. To join, simply have your students **aged 8-18** complete the online test with **55 questions**. The Test will take an estimated **30 minutes** for completion. The deadline for participation is **November 30, 2018**.

Our research has been approved by the NTU Institutional Review Board in Singapore, and we assure you that all information will be treated with strict confidentiality. If you have any queries regarding the Test, please contact [irb@ntu.edu.sg](mailto:irb@ntu.edu.sg).

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your school's participation in the DQ Test.

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