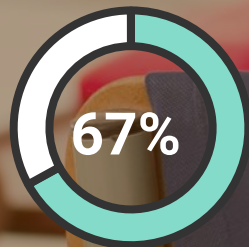


I feel like I belong at my school!

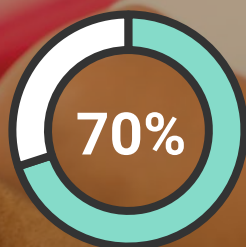
Sense of school belonging relates to the extent to which learners enjoy and feel comfortable in their learning environment.

Sense of belonging is important as it is related to learner achievement as well as levels of bullying in schools.

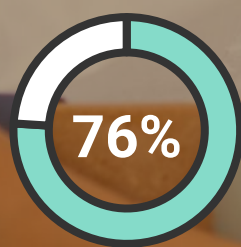
More learners in independent schools reported a high sense of belonging, compared to learners in public no-fee and fee paying schools



No-fee schools



Fee-paying schools



Independent schools

68%

of Grade 5 South African learners reported having a **high** sense of school belonging



These learners scored on average

35 TIMSS points higher

than those with **some** sense of school belonging and

61 TIMSS points higher

than those with **little** sense of school belonging