

## **Lions Quest Canada - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Is Lions Quest endorsed by Provincial/Territorial Departments of Education?**

We have worked with all provincial Departments/Ministries of Education across the country – in all cases, they allow the use of the program in the schools, and it is either a school-based or school district-based decision. The Departments/Ministries do not officially ‘endorse’ any program of this type.

### **Were teachers consulted?**

School teachers were involved in the development of this program from the initial stages in 1985 and continue to be consulted and involved in every revision that has occurred since that time. The programs and any revisions are pilot tested in schools, with their feedback used to continue to refine and update the program.

### **Who delivers Lions Quest training?**

Our trainers are practicing or retired educators with post-graduate training. They apply, are selected, extensively trained under the supervision of senior trainers before they are certified to deliver our training solo. To deliver the program in a classroom or other setting, participants are required to participate in a full-day in-person workshop or a 3-part virtual training experience.

### **Where does Lions Quest fit into a regular school day?**

Two key points here – the first is that the program is designed to be integrated into existing subject areas – most commonly health and language arts – with many of lessons fulfilling Department/Ministry mandated curriculum outcomes for those subjects. In addition, research is quite clear that time taken to support social emotional learning actually improves academic scores as less time is spent on behaviour management and more time is spent on academics.

### **Who pays the \$350 fee and what does it include?**

The \$350 fee provides the training and resources for one educator, who in turn will likely reach many students over the course of their teaching career. This fee is often covered by the local Lions clubs, in some cases by schools/school districts and we have also had school councils support this fee. It is one of the least expensive social emotional learning programs offered in Canada. There is no cost to the students.

### **How many schools are involved?**

Since we started in Canada in 1988, over 40,000 educators in more than 6,000 schools in every province and territory have participated in the program. Lions Quest is used in over 100 countries globally and has impacted the lives of more than 18 million young people.

### **Do you have proof that Lions Quest is effective?**

There has been extensive research done on program effectiveness – see [Review Our Research - Evidence-based social and emotional learning \(lions-quest.org\)](#). The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime have partnered with Lions to bring the program to Eastern Europe, and recently expanded the project due to the initial success. The Collaborative for Academic Social Emotional Learning ([www.casel.org](http://www.casel.org)) is a world leading research organization and has recognized Lions Quest as a CASEL “SElect” program – the highest rating possible.