2009-2010 AISD Campus Staff Climate Survey

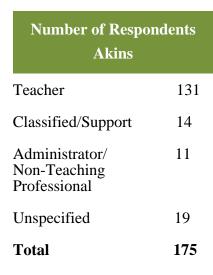
A healthy school climate is characterized by positive relationships among students, all campus staff, and the community. School climate is a key factor in several important outcomes including student achievement, reduced violence, higher morale, and faculty trust (Hoy, Smith, & Sweetland, 2002). More specifically, research in AISD indicates that staff climate survey results are related to student Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) performance in both math and reading (Bush-Richards, Cornetto, & Schmitt, 2008; Schmitt, 2006). The figure below represents how campus climate can facilitate student academic growth.

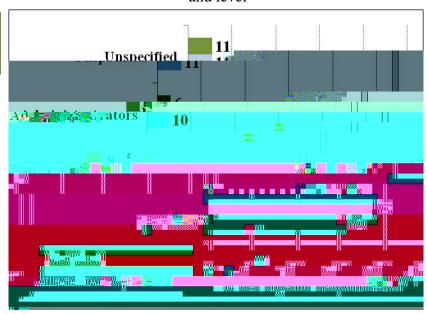
The image below displays factors that are known to be related to student academic growth. In this report, we focus on Staff Climate (circled in red), which has been measured with seven survey subscales: Teacher Support, Community Engagement, Collegial Leadership, Professional Teacher Behavior, Achievement Press, General Climate and Data Vision.



In Fall 2009, 81% of teachers from Akins responded to the survey. Figure 3 represents the percentage of respondents at Akins (depicted in dark green) and across all High Schools (light blue) who identified themselves as teachers, classified/support staff, or administrators and non-teaching professionals, plus the number who did not specify a staff role. This information will help you to generalize the findings to the rest of your campus community.

Figure 3. Percentage of Respondents at Akins in 2009-10 by group and level





Staff results for Akins for the 2009-10 school year year are highlighted on the next page. Please pay close attention to the call-out boxes that appear in red and green as they highlight specific campus climate areas that Akins can improve, as well as areas in which Akins excels. You may visit the following websites for resources and tips on how to improve campus climate in general, and specific resources for improving the area of Akins's lowest subscale score are provided on the next page.

http://www.schoolclimate.org/climate/council.php

http://www.turningpts.org/pdf/Family.pdf

http://www.schoolsecurity.org/

http://ccsr.uchicago.edu

The appendix provides you with more detailed information regarding Akins's campus climate from 2007-08 through 2009-10. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Akins's average ratings have changed or remained consistent over time. To indicate which changes are most meaningful from year to year, statistically meaningful changes are flagged with up or down arrows. Please share the results of this report with all campus staff and your Campus Advisory Council to inform campus improvement planning.

The graphs below depict Akins's staff climate ratings over time, as well staff climate ratings across all High Schools in 2009-10. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the red

- 3. The school sets high standards for academic performance.6. Teachers in this school believe that their



APPENDIX

General Climate Subscale Items		Akins		All High
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Schools
24. Campus staff are friendly to each other.	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.3
27. Campus staff exhibit pride in their affiliation with the school.	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.2
28. Campus staff are willing to go out of their way to help.	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2
29. Campus staff accomplish their jobs with enthusiasm.	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
30. Campus staff are committed to their jobs.	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2
37. The goals of my school are made clear. General Climate Subscale	2.9 2.9	3.0 2.9	2.8 2.9	3.0 3.1

Note: It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

To the best of your knowledge, how often do		Akins		All High
the following events occur at your school?	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Schools
50. Student racial tension	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.5
51. Student bullying	2.2	2.1	2.2	1.9
52. Widespread disorder in classrooms	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4
53. Student acts of disrespect for Teachers	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.3
54. Student acts of disrespect for Nonteaching	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.1
Professional or Administrative Staff				
55. Student acts of disrespect for Classified or	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.0
Support Staff				
56. Gang activities	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.6

Note: It is desirable to have a response of **less than** 2.0

How satisfied are you with the way	Akins		All
your campus addresses:	2008-09	2009-10	High Schools
57a. Student Behavior	2.6	2.5	2.8
57b. Classroom Management	2.8	2.8	3.0
57c. Common Area Management	2.9	2.8	2.9
Behavior Management Subscale	2.8	2.7	2.9

Note: It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

Data Vision.

Data Vision	Akins 2009-10	All High Schools
40. There are clear goals and structures for teaching and learning in AISD.	3.0	3.1
41. There is a clear vision for the use of data to inform education in AISD.	2.9	2.9
Total Data Use Subscale	3.0	3.0

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