

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS 2008-2009

BURNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

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RESULTS FOR BURNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Survey results for Burnet for the past 3 years are summarized here. To indicate which changes are most meaningful from year to year, statistically significant changes are flagged with up or down arrows (á â).⁴ To help put results in context, 2008-2009 results also are provided for all AISD Middle School campus staff. Table 2 provides an overview of the results for Burnet by subscale for the past 3 years.

Campuses with higher Overall Climate scores are characterized by more positive relationships among administrators, staff, teachers, and students. If Burnet's Overall Climate score was over 3.0, the staff viewed the school environment positively. If Burnet's Overall Climate score was below 2.5, the campus did not have a positive school climate. Scores between 2.5 and 3.0 indicate a fair school climate. School Climate and Behavior Management subscale

SCHOOL CLIMATE DIMENSIONS

The first step in improving campus climate is to look at the score for each of the Climate subscales (Table 2). These scores can help in identifying areas in which staff ratings were higher or lower than the desired subscale scores.

For 2008-2009,

Collegial Leadership. Collegial Leadership involves treating teachers and staff as professional colleagues, and with openness, egalitarianism, and friendliness, but at the same time

Professional Teacher Behavior. This subscale consisted of 8 items that addressed the degree to which respondents indicated respect for colleagues' competence, commitment to students, autonomous judgment, and mutual cooperation and support among the faculty. The individual item and average subscale scores for Burnet and for all Middle School schools are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. Professional Teacher Behavior for Burnet and All Middle School Campuses

Professional Teacher Behavior	Burnet			All MS
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
4. Teachers help and support each other.	3.47	3.20 â	3.29	3.29
12. Teachers respect the professional	3.23	3.06 â	3.04	3.14
competence of their colleagues.				
14. The interactions between faculty	3.26	3.02 â	3.12	3.14
members are cooperative.	3.20	2.024		
17. Teachers in this school exercise	3.29	3.15	3.19	3.26
professional judgment.	3.47	3.13	3.17	3.20
21. Teachers "go the extra mile" with their	3.35	3.08 â	3.25	3.41
students.	3.33	2.00 a	3.23	2.41
23. Teachers provide strong social support	3.18	3.02 â	2.84â	3.10
for colleagues.				
33. Teachers accomplish their jobs with	2.86	2.85	2.83	3.05
enthusiasm.				3.05
36. Teachers show commitment to their	3.35	3.26	3.29	3.47
students.				
Professional Teacher Behavior subscale	3.23	3.10	3.11	3.22

Note. It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0; responses of at least 3.0 are noted in bold.

Achievement Press. Achievement press is marked by students who persist, strive to achieve, and are respected by each other and teachers for their academic successes. This subscale consisted of 8 items that described the extent to which Burnet has set high but achievable academic standards and goals. In addition, this subscale measured the extent to which parents, teachers, and principals exert pressure for high standards and school improvement. The individual item and average subscale scores for Burnet and for all Middle School schools are shown in Table 6.

Table 6. Achievement Press for Burnet and All Middle School Campuses

Achievement Press	2007 2005	Burnet		
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
3. The school sets high standards for	3.17	3.19	3.05	3.53
academic performance.				
6. Teachers in this school believe that their				
students have the ability to achieve	3.10	2.93â	2.91	3.40
academically.				
7. Parents exert pressure to maintain high	1.73	1.78	1.68	2.44
standards.				
8. Academic achievement is recognized				
and acknowledged by the school.	3.30	3.02 â	3.03	3.27
13. Parents press for school improvement.	1.73	1.78	1.81	2.38
15. Students in this school can achieve the	2.76	2.76	0.776	2.12
goals that have been set for them.	2.76	2.76	2.76	3.13
19. Students respect others who get good	1.05	2 27 4	2.002	2.02
grades.	1.95	2.27á	2.00â	3.02
25. Students seek extra work so they can	1.06	1.00	1.72	2.25
get good grades.	1.86	1.83	1.73	2.25
32. Students try hard to improve on	2.12	2.12	1.020	2.52
previous work.	2.13	2.13	1.92â	2.72
34. The learning environment is orderly	2.52	2745	0.45\$	2.12
and serious.	2.52	2.74á	2.45â	3.12
Achievement Press subscale	2.48	2.38	2.34	2.94

Note: It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0; responses of at least 3.0 are noted in bold.

General Climate. These items measure the extent to which all campus staff are friendly towards each other and work towards clear, common goals. The individual item and subscale averages for Burnet and for all Middle School schools are shown in Table 7.

Table 7. General Climate for Burnet and All Middle School Campuses

General Climate	Burnet			All MS
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009
24. Campus staff are friendly to each other.	3.45	3.20 â	3.33	3.28
27. Campus staff exhibit pride in their affiliation	2.86	2.78	2.76	3.17
with the school.	2.60	2.76	2.70	
28. Campus staff are willing to go out of their	3.20	3.04	3.15	3.18
way to help.	3.20	3.04	3.13	
29. Campus staff accomplish their jobs with	2.91	2.82	2.77	3.05
enthusiasm.	2.91			
30. Campus staff are committed to their jobs.	3.35	2.99â	3.21 á	3.30
37. The goals of my school are made clear.	3.23	3.22	3.27	3.32
General Climate subscale	3.14	2.99	3.08	3.21

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