

# 2007-2008 AISD STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS



## HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### OVERVIEW

Research indicates that school climate can be either a positive influence on the learning environment or a significant barrier to learning. Positive school climate has been associated with fewer behavioral problems for students and increased achievement levels for students (Marshall, n.d.). According to Brian Perkins of the National School Boards Association (2006), research shows that improved school climate contributes to a variety of positive outcomes including improved student achievement, higher morale among students and teachers, fewer student dropouts, reduced violence, better community relations, and increased institutional pride. For these reasons, it is important to examine your school's student climate survey results to identify areas in which your campus climate is strong and areas in need of improvement.

This report summarizes the responses from your school's AISD Student Climate Survey over the last three years where available. Higher average scores indicate a more positive school climate. The climate survey measures four dimensions of a school's overall climate, called Behavioral Environment, Adult Fairness and Respect, Teacher Support and Engagement, and Academic Self-confidence. Each of these four



## Teacher Support and Student Engagement

This subscale consists of ten items that assess the extent to which teachers support students with academic issues and personal problems, and the level of enthusiasm that teachers display regarding their teaching. Average scores for each item and for the subscale are reflected in the table below.

Average Response for Teacher Support and Student Engagement Items

<b>Teacher Support and Student Engagement</b>	<b>Harris 2005-06</b>	<b>Harris 2006-07</b>	<b>Harris 2007-08</b>	<b>All ES</b>
18. Teachers give rewards or praise for good behavior.	<b>3.59</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>3.31</b>
23. My teachers show me how our schoolwork is useful.	n/a	n/a	<b>3.59</b>	<b>3.47</b>
24. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.	n/a	n/a	<b>3.40</b>	<b>3.14</b>

## ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

A total of eight items assess the school environment in ways other than those identified by the four primary statistical survey dimensions. Average scores for each of these additional items are reflected in the table below.

Average Response for Additional Climate Items

Additional Items	Harris 2005-06	Harris 2006-07	Harris 2007-08	All ES
11. I can find at least one adult at my school to help me if I have a problem.	3.73	3.69	3.57	3.60
12. I know what the school rules are.	3.21	3.38	3.33	3.35
13. My classmates know there are consequences for breaking the rules.	n/a	3.62	3.51	3.56
16. This school is clean.	3.11	3.06	3.07	3.35
20. My teacher knows what the school rules are.	3.42	3.76	3.48	3.55

**APPENDIX**

Cronbach's Alpha Reliability Scores for AISD Student Climate Survey

<b>Reliability Scores</b>	<b>All ES</b>	<b>All MS</b>	<b>All HS</b>
<b>Behavioral Environment</b>	.75	.82	.82