

## 2009-2010 AISD Student Climate Survey

### Kiker Elementary School

Research indicates that school climate can be either a positive influence on the learning environment or a significant barrier to learning. In AISD, schools that performed better on TAKS also had higher student climate ratings (Schmitt & Carney, 2008). These survey results provide campuses with feedback about how students feel about their school's educational environment. Longitudinal data are provided, where applicable.

The image below displays factors that are known to be related to student academic growth. In this report, we focus on the role of school climate for students (circled in red), which has been measured with six survey subscales: academic self-confidence, adult fairness & respect, teacher expectations, teacher support, student engagement, and behavioral environment.



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In Spring 2010, 238 students returned surveys for Kiker, representing 66% of eligible students from Kiker (compared to the district Elementary School response rate, 87%). The table below shows the total number and percentage of students surveyed from each eligible grade at Kiker in 2009-2010.

Table 1. Response Rate by Grade, 2009-2010

Kiker		
Grade	Population	Response Rate
<b>3rd</b>	130	62%
<b>4th</b>	122	80%
<b>5th</b>	110	55%
<b>6th</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	362	66%

Survey results for Kiker for the 2009-2010 school year are presented on the next page. Please note the green and red text boxes that highlight specific areas in which Kiker excels, as well as areas in which Kiker can improve. The appendix provides more detailed information regarding Kiker's student climate survey results from 2007-2008 through 2009-2010. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Kiker's average ratings have changed or remained consistent over time. Please note that some subscales have changed from previous years, making longitudinal comparisons inappropriate.

The graph below depicts Kiker's average student climate survey ratings, compared with average ratings for students across all Elementary Schools in 2009-2010. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the red dashed line. The first step in improving these characteristics is to

Behavioral Environment	Kiker			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
1. My classmates show respect to each other.	3.3	3.2	3.3+	3.0
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.1
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.	3.4	3.3	3.5+	3.1
14. Students at my school follow the school rules.	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8
15. I feel safe at my school.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5
16. I feel safe on the school property.	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5
<b>Behavioral Environment average</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4+</b>	<b>3.2</b>

*Note:* Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

Teacher Support	Kiker			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
4. Teachers at this school care about their students.	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
17. Teachers give rewards or praise for good behavior.	3.5	3.2 -	3.4 +	3.3
28. Teachers give rewards or praise for good work.	3.3	3.1 -	3.3 +	3.2
32. My teachers care about how I do in school.	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8
34. Teachers help students with personal problems.	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
<b>Teacher Support average</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5 -</b>	<b>3.6 +</b>	<b>3.5</b>

*Note:* Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.



Teacher Expectations	Kiker			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
13. My teachers believe I can learn.	n/a	n/a	3.8	3.7
18. My teachers expect me to do my best work.	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
19. My teachers challenge me to do better.	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
24. My teachers believe I can do well in school.	n/a	n/a	3.8	3.7
27. My teachers show me how to know if my work is good.	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.6
Teacher Expectations average	n/a	n/a	3.8	3.7

*Note:* Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. With the addition of items 13 and 24 in 2009-2010, subscale comparisons across years are no longer possible.

Academic Self-Confidence	Kiker			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
20. I can do even the hardest work if I try.	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5
22. I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS.	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.5
23. I try hard to do my best work.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
26. I feel successful in my schoolwork.	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.4
29. I can reach the goals I set for myself.	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5
31. I know how I am doing in school.	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.4
Academic Self-Confidence average	3.7	3.5 -	3.6	3.5

*Note:* Response options range from 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

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