



2009-2010 AISD Student Climate Survey Kocurek 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.



In Spring 2010, 262 students returned surveys for Kocurek, representing 86% of eligible students from Kocurek (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 Kocurek in 2009-2010.

Table 1. Response Rate by Grade, 2009-2010

Kocurek	
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The graph below depicts Kocurek'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 examine the item-level scores for each area (see Appendix).



**Kocurek's lowest subscale score on
the 2009-2010 Student Climate**

Behavioral Environment**All
Elementary
Schools**

1. My classmates show respect to each other.	-	2.9
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.		3.0
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.		3.0
14. Students at my school follow the school rules.		2.7
15. I feel safe at my school.		3.5
16. I feel safe on the school property.		3.3
Behavioral Environment average	-	3.1

APPENDIX

Adult Fairness and Respect	Kocurek			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
5. Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions.	3.4	3.5	3.3 -	3.5
6. Adults at this school treat all students fairly.	3.5	3.6	3.4 -	3.6
7. The staff in the front office show respect to students.	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8
10. The school rules are fair.	3.5	3.6	3.3 -	3.5
11. The consequences for breaking school rules are the same for everyone.	3.5	3.5	3.4 -	3.5
12. My teachers always make sure the students follow the rules.	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
36. My teachers are fair to everyone.	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6
37. All my teachers use the same rules.	n/a	3.5	3.3	3.3
Adult Fairness and Respect average	n/a	3.6	3.5 -	3.6

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

Student Engagement	Kocurek			All Elementary Schools
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
9. I like to come to school.	n/a	n/a	3.1	3.2
21. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1
30. My homework helps me learn things I need to know.	3.5	3.5	3.4 -	3.5
33. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3
35. I have fun learning in my classes.	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3
38. My teachers connect what I am doing to my life outside the classroom.	n/a	3.4	3.2 -	3.3
Student Engagement average	n/a	n/a	3.1	3.3

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 item 9 in 2009-2010, subscale comparisons across years are no longer available.



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