



2012-2013 AISD Student Climate Survey McCallum High School

Research indicates that school climate can either be a positive influence on students' learning environment, or can serve as a significant barrier to students' learning (Voight, Austin & Hanson, 2013). Indeed, after controlling for the influence of economic disadvantage, students' 2011-2012 positive ratings of student engagement, academic self-confidence, and teacher expectations were related to their 2011-2012 performance in math and positive behavioral environment ratings were related to their 2011-2012 performance in reading.*

The following tables show the total number of surveys students at McCallum returned in 2012-2013 (Table 1), the response rate by grade (Table 2), and the distribution of responses by race/ethnicity compared with the population (Table 3) for students at McCallum.

Table 1. Number of respondents for:	McCallum	All High Schools
# of surveys returned	981	10,279
# of students	1,356	16,076
% of students represented	72%	64%

Table 2. Response rate by grade for McCallum, 2012-2013

grade	# of students enrolled	# of responses	response rate
9th grade	515	363	70%
10th grade	422	314	74%
11th grade	419	266	63%

Population data reflect enrollment as of the PEIMS snapshot date in October 2012 whereas students' grade level and ethnicity were self-reported on the survey. The "ethnicity/race" designations allow students to first choose their ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino or non-Hispanic/Latino) and then choose one or more of five race values.

Table 3. Distribution of responses by ethnicity/race for McCallum relative to McCallum's school population, 2012-2013

Ethnicity	% of population	% of responses
Hispanic/Latino	36%	32%
Race		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	13%	8%
Asian	4%	9%
Black/African American	20%	22%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%	6%
White	67%	56%

* For more information on this analysis, please contact the department of Research and Evaluation.

Voight, A., Austin, G., and Hanson, T. (2013).

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Behavioral environment	McCallum		All High Schools 2012-2013
	2010-2011	2011-2012	
1. My classmates show respect to each other.	n/a	3.0	
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.	n/a	3.0	
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.	n/a	3.3	
13. Students at my school follow the school rules.	n/a	2.5	
14. I feel safe at my school.	n/a	3.2	
15. Students at this school treat teachers with respect.	n/a	n/a	
29. My classmates behave the way my teachers want them to.	n/a	2.6	
30. Our classes stay busy and do not waste time.	n/a	2.9	
31. Students at my school are bullies (tease, taunt, threaten other students).	n/a	n/a	
Behavioral environment average	n/a	n/a	

Response options ranged from 1 = _____ to 4 = _____ (item #31 has been reverse scored). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. Items 29 and 30 are from the _____ subscale of the Tripod survey and response options for these items were changed to reflect the AISD scale. For more information, visit: <http://www.metproject.org/partners#cambridge>. With the addition of items #15 and #3, longitudinal comparisons are no longer possible.

Adult fairness and respect	McCallum		All High Schools 2012-2013
	2010-2011	2011-2012	

Response options ranged from 1 = _____ to 4 = _____. It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. With the addition of items #32 and #37, longitudinal comparisons are no longer possible.

* This item has been reworded from the 2011-2012 survey. A list of reworded items is located in the Appendix.

Student engagement	McCallum			All High Schools
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013
9. I like to come to school.	n/a	2.8	2.7	2.8
17. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.	n/a	2.4	2.4	2.5
24. My homework helps me learn the things I need to know.	n/a	2.9	2.8	2.9
25. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.	n/a	2.8	2.7	2.8
26. I have fun learning in my classes.	n/a	2.7	2.7	2.8
28. My teachers connect what I am doing to my life outside the classroom.	n/a	2.5	2.5	2.6
38. I receive recognition and praise for doing good work.	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.9
Student engagement average	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.7

Response options ranged from 1 = to 4 = . It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

With the addition of item #38 (based on an item from the Gallup Student Poll) longitudinal comparisons are no longer possible.

Academic self-confidence	McCallum			All High Schools
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013
16. I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try.	n/a	3.3	3.3	3.3
18. I am/was well prepared to take the TAKS/STAAR.*	n/a	3.2	3.1	3.2
19. I try hard to do my best work.	n/a	3.2	3.3	3.3
22. I feel successful in my schoolwork.	n/a	3.1	3.0	3.1
23. I can reach the goals I set for myself.	n/a	3.3	3.3	3.3
Academic self-confidence average	n/a	3.2	3.2	3.2

Response options ranged from 1 = to 4 = . It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

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Teacher expectations	McCallum			All High Schools
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013
33. My teachers push me to think hard about things we read.*	n/a	3.2	3.2	3.2
34. My teachers push everybody to work hard.	n/a	3.2	3.2	3.3
35. I have to think hard about the writing we do.*	n/a	3.1	3.0	3.1
36. My teachers expect my best effort.*	n/a	3.1	3.5	3.5
Teacher expectations average	n/a	3.1	3.2	3.2

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37. I will go to college after high school.	McCallum			All High Schools
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2012-2013
% Yes	0%	76%	77%	76%
% No	0%	3%	4%	4%
% Maybe	0%	21%	19%	20%

To view the district summary report or additional survey results from 2012-2013 or before, visit:
[http://www.austinisd.org/dre/search/?f\[0\]=im_field_report_eval_area%3A4](http://www.austinisd.org/dre/search/?f[0]=im_field_report_eval_area%3A4)

Appendix

Reworded items on the 2012-2013 Student Climate Survey and how they differ from their 2011-2012 version.

2011-2012 Items	2012-2013 Reworded Items
11. My teachers always make sure the students follow the rules.	11. My teachers make sure the students follow the rules.
18. I feel/felt well prepared for TAKS.	18. I am/was well prepared to take the TAKS/STAAR.
33. My teachers push us to think hard about things we read.	33. My teachers push me to think hard about things we read.
35. We have to think hard about the writing we do.	35. I have to think hard about the writing we do.
36. My teachers accept nothing less than our full effort.	36. My teachers expect my best effort.