

Department of Program Evaluation

**BEHAVIORAL ENVIRONMENT**

A total of six items on the survey assess the dimension called Behavioral Environment, the respect and caring among students and the extent to which students obey the school rules and feel safe at school. Results for the individual items composing the subscale are in Table 2. Item numbers in each table correspond to the numbers on the survey.

Table 2. Average Response for Behavioral Environment

	2006-07	Metz 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
<b>1. My classmates show respect to each other.</b>	2.97	<b>3.01</b>	<b>3.03</b>	2.99
<b>2. My classmates show respect to others who are different.</b>	2.90	2.94	2.99	<b>3.10</b>
<b>3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>3.17</b>
<b>14. Students at my school follow the rules.</b>	2.81	2.85	2.87	2.89
<b>15. I feel safe at my school.</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>3.53</b>
<b>16. I feel safe on the school property.</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>3.49</b>
<b>Behavioral Environment Average</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>3.13</b>	<b>3.20</b>

**ADULT FAIRNESS AND RESPECT**

The eleven items on this subscale assess the treatment of students by teachers and other adults on campus in areas such as classroom grading, punishment for breaking the rules, and listening to ideas and opinions. Average scores for each item and for the subscale are in Table 3.

Table 3. Average Response for Adult Fairness and Respect Items

	2006-07	Metz 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
<b>4. Teachers at this school care about their students.</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>3.86</b>
<b>5. Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions.</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>6. Adults at this school treat all students fairly.</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>3.58</b>
<b>7. The staff in the front office show respect to students.</b>	<b>3.78</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>3.74</b>	<b>3.81</b>

**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 in Table 4.

Table 4. Average Response for Teacher Support and Student Engagement Items

	2006-07	Metz 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
<b>17. Teachers give rewards or praise for good behavior.</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>3.29</b>	<b>3.28</b>
<b>21. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.</b>	n/a	<b>3.22</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>24. My teachers are excited about what they teach.</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>3.53</b>



**ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT**

Four items measured additional components of school climate (Table 6).

Table 6. Additional Items

