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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	Palm 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
1. My classmates show respect to each other.	2.73	2.83	2.63	2.99
2. My classmates show respect to others who are different.	2.85	2.80	2.82	3.10
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.	3.06	3.01	2.88	3.17
15. I feel safe at my school.	3.43	3.42	3.25	3.53
16. I feel safe on the school property.	3.34	3.46	3.18	3.49
Behavioral Environment Average	3.02	3.02	2.89	3.20

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	Palm 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
4. Teachers at this school care about their students.	3.84	3.87	3.79	3.86

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

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

Table 6. Additional Items

	2006-07	Palm 2007-08	2008-09	All EL 2008-09
8. There is at least one adult at my school who I would go to if I have a problem.	n/a	3.44	3.24	3.52
9. Everyone knows what the school rules are.	3.22	3.24	3.12	3.40
13. My classmates know there are consequences for breaking the rules.	3.41	3.49	3.33	3.57
19. My teachers challenge me to do better.	3.62	3.54	3.50	3.60

Reference

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