

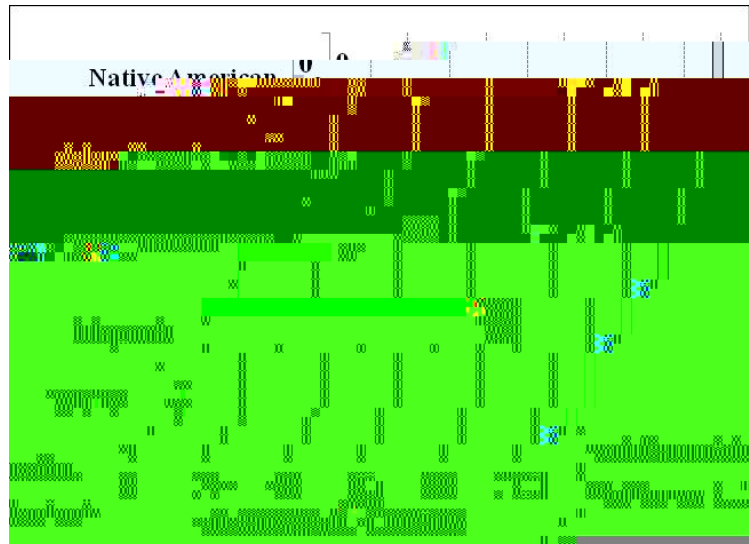
2009-2010



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.

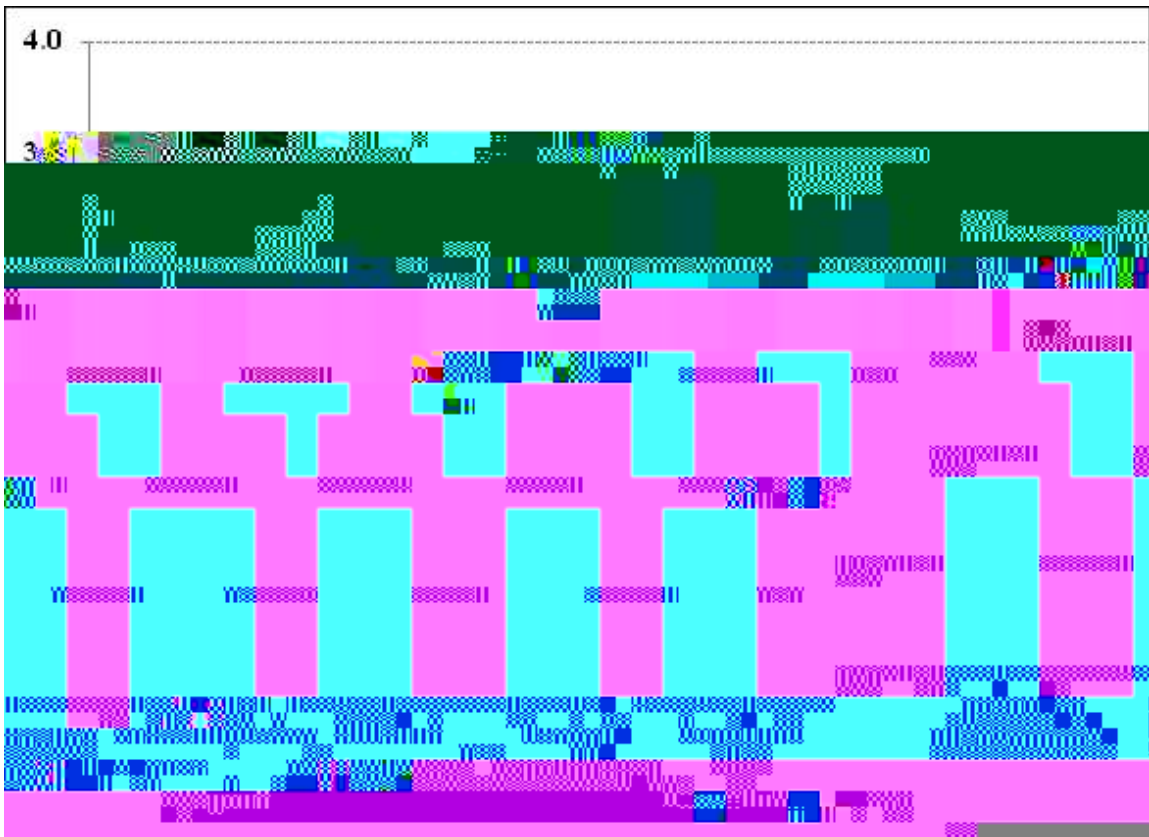
The image below displays factors that are known to be related to student academic growth. In this report, we focus on the role of school climate for students (circled in red), which has been measured with six survey subscales: academic self-confidence, adult fairness & respect, teacher expectations,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

In Spring 2010, 282 students returned surveys for Pearce, representing 62% of eligible students from Pearce (compared to the district Middle School response rate, 72%). The table below shows the total number and percentage of students surveyed from each eligible grade at

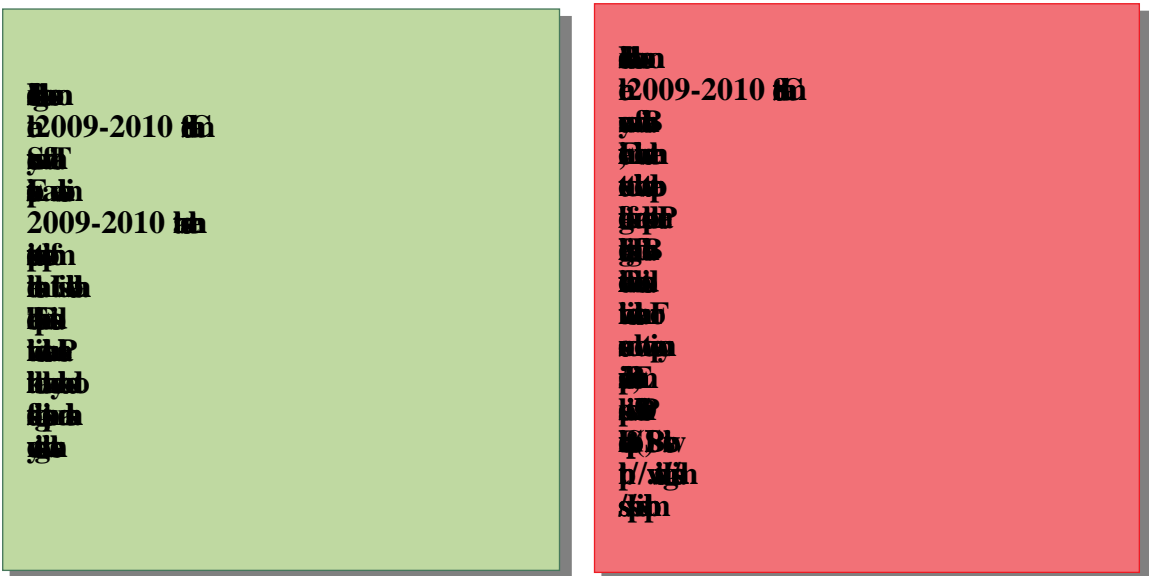


The graph below depicts Pearce's average student climate survey ratings, compared with average ratings for students across all Middle Schools in 2009-2010. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the red dashed line. The first step in improving these characteristics is to examine the item-level scores for each area (see Appendix).

Student Climate Survey Subscales for Pearce and all Middle Schools, 2009-2010



Note. The light purple bars represent 2009-2010 data for Pearce and the dark purple bars represent 2009-2010 data for all Middle Schools.



Item	Response			Average
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	
1. My classmates show respect to each other.				2.8
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.				2.7
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.				3.0
14. Students at my school follow the school rules.				2.4
15. I feel safe at my school.	+			3.0
16. I feel safe on the school property.	+			3.0
Behavioral Environment average	+			2.8

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

	P	A M E
	2009-10	
9. I like to come to school.		2.8
21. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.		2.5
30. My homework helps me learn things I need to know.		3.0
33. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.		2.8
35. I have fun learning in my classes.		2.7
		2.7
		2.8



13. My teachers believe I can learn.



Schmitt, L., & Carney, D. (2008). *Austin ISD Board Level Reports*. Austin, TX: Austin Independent School District.



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