

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. Researchers have documented that positive ratings of student climate contribute to factors that help high economically disadvantaged schools "beat the odds" (Voight, Austin & Hanson, 2013). Indeed, students at high-performing AISD schools with high levels of economic disadvantage had more positive ratings of behavioral environment and adult fairness and respect in Spring 2013 than did students at lower performing AISD schools with similar levels of economic disadvantage (Lamb, 2014). The following tables show the total number of surveys students at Small completed in 2013-2014 (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 Small.



of surveys returned

of students

% of students represented



grade

6th grade

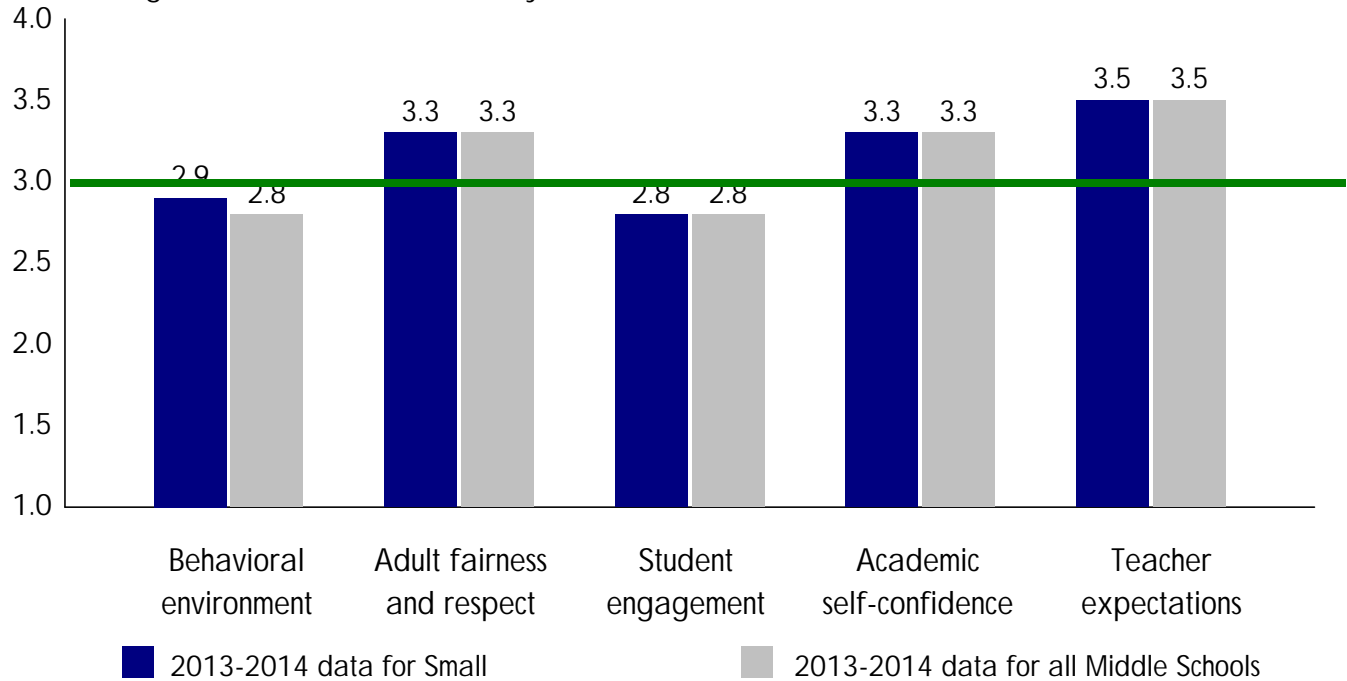
7th grade

8th grade

Ethnicity

Figure 1 depicts Small's average student climate survey ratings for 2013-2014, compared with average ratings across all Middle Schools in 2013-2014. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the green line. Please note the green and red text boxes that highlight the specific area in which Small most excels, as well as the area in which Small can improve most.

Figure 1. Student Climate Survey Subscales for Small and all Middle Schools, 2013-2014



Small's highest score on the 2013-2014 Student Climate Survey was for teacher expectations, which measures students' perceptions of their teachers' expectations. Please think about what your campus does to foster high expectations, and share your strategies with others.

Small's lowest score on the 2013-2014 Student Climate Survey was for student engagement. This subscale measures the extent to which students enjoy their schoolwork and learning. We encourage your campus to improve the ways in which teachers provide instruction that is relevant and engaging for students. Improving student engagement is a goal of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). To find out ways to improve student engagement, please visit: <http://www.austinisd.org/academics/sel>

The following pages contain more detailed information regarding Small's student climate results from 2011-2012 to 2013-2014. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Small's average ratings have changed or remained consistent over time. Please note that some subscales have changed from previous years, making longitudinal comparisons inappropriate for some items and subscales. For items and subscales where longitudinal data are available, statistically meaningful changes are noted with up or down arrows. Please share the results of this report with all campus staff and your Campus Advisory Council to inform campus improvement planning. Appendix B contains a table with the percentage of students responding favorably to each item.

1. My classmates show respect to each other.	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3
13. Students at my school follow the school rules.	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6
14. I feel safe at my school.	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2
15. Students at this school treat teachers with respect.	n/a	2.8	2.9	2.8
29. My classmates behave the way my teachers want them to.	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
30. Our classes stay busy and do not waste time.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, taunted, threatened by other students).*	n/a	2.2	2.3	2.2
Behavioral environment average	n/a	2.8	2.9	2.8

Note. Response options ranged from 1 = never to 4 = a lot of the time (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 Controls 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>.

* This item has been reworded from the 2012-2013 survey. A list of reworded items is located in Appendix A.

4. Teachers at this school care about their students.	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
5. Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions.	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
6. Adults at this school treat all students fairly.	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
7. The staff in the front office show respect to students.	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5
8. There is at least one adult at my school who I would go to if I have a problem.	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2
10. The consequences for breaking the school rules are the same for everyone.	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2
11. My teachers make sure the students follow the rules.	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
21. My teachers like to teach.	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
27. My teachers are fair to everyone.	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
32. When bullying is reported to adults at my school they try to stop it.	n/a	3.3	3.3	3.3
36. Teachers at this school know who I am.*	n/a	3.4	3.4	3.3
38. My teachers know what I am good at.	n/a	n/a	3.2	3.2
Adult fairness and respect average	n/a	n/a	3.3	3.3

Note. Response options ranged from 1 = never to 4 = a lot of the time. It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. Additionally, items #12 and #20 have been moved from the Adult Fairness and Respect subscale to the Teacher Expectations subscale based on results generated from factor analyses and reliability analyses. With the addition of item #38, longitudinal comparisons are no longer possible.

* This item has been reworded from the 2012-2013 survey. A list of reworded items is located in Appendix A.



% Yes	81%	78%	81%	75%
% No	3%	2%	3%	3%
% Maybe	16%	20%	16%	22%

To view the district summary report or additional survey results from 2013-2014 or before, visit:
<http://www.austinisd.org/dre/district-campus-surveys>



31. Students at my school are bullies (tease, taunt, threaten other students).	31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, taunted, threatened by other students).
33. My teachers push me to think hard about things we read.	33. My teachers expect me to think hard about the things we read.
34. My teachers push everybody to work hard.	34. My teachers expect everybody to work hard.
36. A lot of teachers at this school know who I am.	36. Teachers at this school know who I am.

Appendix B. Percentage of a lot of the time and Sometimes Responses by Item and Level, 2012-2013 through 2013-2014

	Small 2012-2013	2013-2014	All Middle Schools 2013-2014
1. My classmates show respect to each other.			79%
2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.			75%
3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.			86%
4. Teachers at this school care about their students.			87%
5. Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions.			78%
6. Adults at this school treat all students fairly.			80%
7. The staff in the front office show respect to students.			89%
8. There is at least one adult at my school who I would go to if I have a problem.			78%
9. I like to come to school.			68%
10. The consequences for breaking the school rules are the same for everyone.			81%
11. My teachers make sure the students follow the rules.			89%
12. My teachers believe I can learn.			92%
13. Students at my school follow the school rules.			61%
14. I feel safe at my school.			82%
15. Students at this school treat teachers with respect.			71%
16. I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try.			84%
17. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.			58%
18. I am/was well prepared to take the TAKS/STAAR.			83%
19. I try hard to do my best work.			92%
20. My teachers believe I can do well in school.			
21. My teachers like to teach.			
22. I feel successful in my schoolwork.			
23. I can reach the goals I set for myself.			
24. My homework helps me learn things I need to know.			
25. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.			
26. I have fun learning in my classes.			
27. My teachers are fair to everyone.			
28. My teachers connect what I am doing to my life outside the classroom.			
29. My classmates behave the way my teachers want them to.			
30. Our classes stay busy and do not waste time.			
31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, messed with, threatened by other students).*,**			
32. When bullying is reported to adults at my school, they try to stop it.			
33. My teachers expect me to think hard about the things we read.**			
34. My teachers expect everybody to work hard.**			
35. My teachers expect my best effort.			
36. Teachers at this school know who I am.**			
37. I receive recognition or praise for doing good work.			
38. My teachers know what I am good at.			

*This item was reverse-scored to compute subscale and item level averages in this report, but is not revealed in this table. Higher scores indicate greater incidence of bullying.

** This item was reworded from the 2012-2013 survey.