



School Climate

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U.S. Dept. of Education School Climate Surveys (EDSCLS)

- SY 20-25 Strategic Plan:
 - Core Values –
 - Embody respect for the diversity and dignity of all
 - Provide a **safe** learning **environment**
 - **Engage** with students, family, staff, and community to support student success
 - Strategic Goals
 - Student Success: Increase academic achievement and social emotional well-being for all students

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- Suite of surveys for students (grades 5-12), parents, and staff
- Reliable, nationally-validated
- Completion time 10-20 minutes (47 to 83 items)
- Majority of survey items provide a positive statement with 4 response options – 2 positive, 2 negative (from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree)
- Administered every Spring, 2017 to 2021

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- 2021 Student response rate of 40% vs 62% in 2020
- 2021 Parent response rate of 24% vs 16% in 2020
- 2021 Staff response rate of 67% vs 54% in 2020

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- 3 domains with 13 subdomain topical areas
 1. Engagement
 2. Safety
 3. Environment

Engagement Domain

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Engagement includes several components of “school connectedness,” such as the amount of effort students expend in the work of learning, their sense of belonging, and their emotional involvement with the school

Topics: Cultural and linguistic competence, Relationships, and School participation

Safety Domain

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Emotional and physical safety are fundamental characteristics of high-quality schools; in these schools, students feel a sense of belonging and are free to focus on learning

Topics: Emotional safety, Physical safety, Bullying, Substance Abuse, and Emergency readiness/management

Environment Domain

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Positive school environments are characterized by appropriate and well-maintained facilities; well managed classrooms with high levels of engagement, rigor, productivity, and inclusion; a range of available school-based health supports; clear, fair disciplinary policies; and explicit policies and procedures governing various school practices

Topics: Physical and Instructional environment, physical and mental health, and discipline

Benchmarks

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- ▶ In Fall of 2017, benchmarked scale scores were completed to provide perception levels by domain and topic
- ▶ Four levels of perception: Very Positive, Positive, Negative, and Very Negative
- ▶ Provided results are percent positive/very positive (positive rate)

School climate results

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- ▶ Publically Available Data Dashboard to review School Climate results:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/k12northstar#!/>

- ▶ Comparison and Filtering options available (example: school, race/ethnicity)
- ▶ Some information suppressed to protect confidentiality

Example screen: Students

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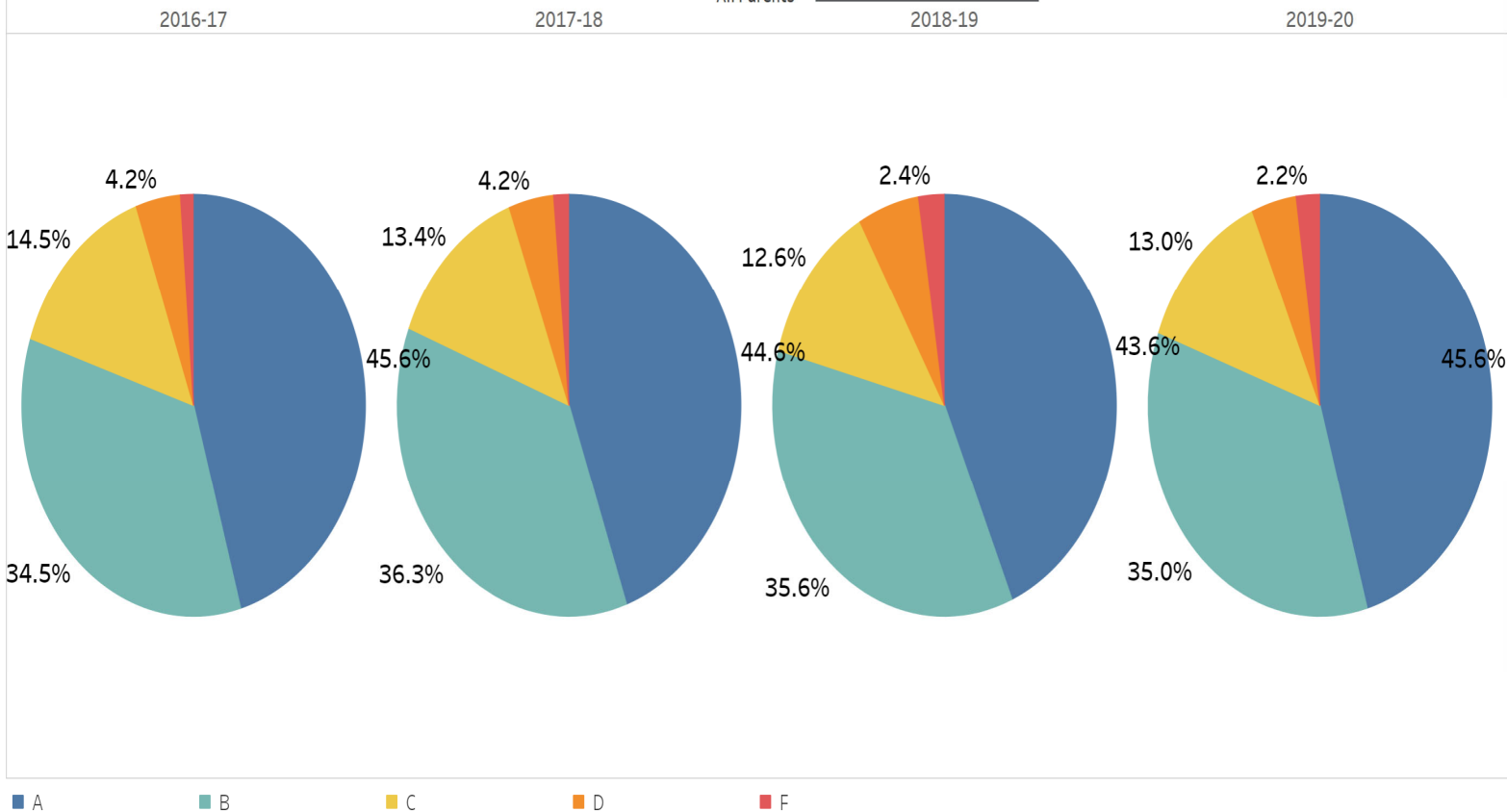


Example screen: Parents

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Grade | Response_Rate | Engagement-Questions | Safety-Questions | Environment-Questions

Please grade this school by selecting a single letter grade
Press Esc to exit full screen



All Years or Trend?
Trend

Choose Comparison Group:

- All Parents
- School
- School Group
- Gender
- Caucasian*
- African American*
- Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander*
- AK Native/American Indian*
- Two or More Races**
- Federal Race
- Military Connected

Choose Filter:

School Name (All)	School Year (All)
School Group (All)	Gender (All)
Federal Race/Ethnicity (All)	Caucasian* (All)
African American* (All)	Hispanic1 (All)
Asian/Pacific Islander* (All)	AK Native/American Indian* (All)
Multi-Ethnic (All)	Military Connected (All)

Example screen: Staff



Conclusion

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Interpret survey results with caution:

Schools in “remote” learning for the first half of 2020-2021

Optional in-person in second half of 2020-2021

Survey questions may be answered differently in remote learning vs. in-person

Conclusion

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- ▶ Highest survey response rate in 5 years for staff and parents
- ▶ 2,000+ parent survey responses
- ▶ High positive rate for students and staff in Engagement, Safety, and Environment
- ▶ Schools given grade point average of 3.10, 3.18, and 3.30 by students, staff, and parents in 2021

EDSCLS resources

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Web address –
<https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov>

School Climate Resource package which includes:

1. Quick guide on making improvements
2. School Climate Improvement Reference Manual
3. School Climate Improvement Action Guides
4. School Climate Interpretation Resources
5. Online Modules

- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Comments?

THANK YOU

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