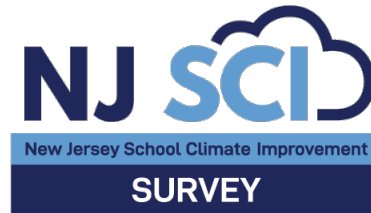


# NJ SCI Pilot Survey

## Students Grades 6-12 Data Report

Columbia High School

May 2022



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*This report contains data from the New Jersey School Climate Improvement (NJ SCI) Survey. Items in the survey are organized into domains, or main conceptual areas of school climate. Means and response distributions are available for each domain as well as individual items within domains. Item level means represents the average score on an item for all respondents that answered that item. Item level distributions represent the number and percentage of respondents that selected each available response option (e.g., strongly disagree, disagree, agree, strongly agree) for an item. Total number of respondents in each item may vary if respondents skip (an) item(s) or select "Not Applicable." Overall means for each domain are calculated by taking the average of means from individual items within a respective domain. Similarly, overall response distributions are calculated by taking the average percentage distribution for individual items within a respective domain. Please note that mean scores on the domain and item-level pages are ranked highest to lowest. Short-codes that correspond with a specific domain, are assigned to each item for easy referencing.*

## Stakeholder Summary

| Overall                                                                                                                            |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Overall                                                                                                                            | 399 |
| By: Grade                                                                                                                          |     |
| Grade 6                                                                                                                            | 0   |
| Grade 7                                                                                                                            | 0   |
| Grade 8                                                                                                                            | 0   |
| Grade 9                                                                                                                            | 68  |
| Grade 10                                                                                                                           | 67  |
| Grade 11                                                                                                                           | 44  |
| Grade 12                                                                                                                           | 36  |
| Not Specified                                                                                                                      | 184 |
| By: Gender                                                                                                                         |     |
| <b>Combined totals here may exceed overall number of respondents for this stakeholder as more than one option may be selected.</b> |     |
| Boy/Male                                                                                                                           | 81  |
| Girl/Female                                                                                                                        | 119 |
| I use a different word(s)                                                                                                          | 13  |
| Non-binary                                                                                                                         | 25  |

**By: Gender**  
**Combined totals here may exceed overall number of respondents for this stakeholder as more than one option may be selected.**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Transgender | 16 |
|-------------|----|

**By: Race/Ethnicity**  
**Combined totals here may exceed overall number of respondents for this stakeholder as more than one option may be selected.**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| A group not listed here | 7 |
|-------------------------|---|

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 |
|----------------------------------|---|

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Asian | 27 |
|-------|----|

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Black or African-American | 41 |
|---------------------------|----|

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Hispanic or Latino/a | 23 |
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|-------------------------------------------|---|
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 |
|-------------------------------------------|---|

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| White | 154 |
|-------|-----|

**By: English at Home**

|    |    |
|----|----|
| No | 13 |
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|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Not Specified | 184 |
|---------------|-----|

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|-----|-----|
| Yes | 202 |
|-----|-----|

**By: Language Survey Submitted In**

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| English | 217 |
|---------|-----|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Haitian Creole | 0 |
|----------------|---|

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Not Specified | 182 |
|---------------|-----|

| By: Language Survey Submitted In |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Portuguese                       | 0 |
| Spanish                          | 0 |

## Overall Summary

| Item                                               | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|-------------------|
| Student Sense of Belonging                         | 2.86 | 5%                | 21%      | 57%   | 17%            | 226               |
| Sense of Physical Safety                           | 2.82 | 5%                | 20%      | 64%   | 12%            | 266               |
| Supportive Staff-Student Relationships             | 2.77 | 5%                | 24%      | 60%   | 11%            | 253               |
| Negative Student Interpersonal Behaviors           | 2.68 | 15%               | 27%      | 33%   | 25%            | 224               |
| Student Voice and Involvement                      | 2.68 | 9%                | 28%      | 49%   | 14%            | 216               |
| Prosocial Student Interpersonal Behaviors          | 2.62 | 6%                | 33%      | 54%   | 7%             | 230               |
| Behavioral Expectations                            | 2.56 | 8%                | 34%      | 54%   | 5%             | 290               |
| Academic Culture and Classroom Practices           | 2.54 | 9%                | 42%      | 36%   | 14%            | 398               |
| Supports for Student Social and Emotional Learning | 2.32 | 14%               | 43%      | 39%   | 4%             | 217               |

## Academic Culture and Classroom Practices

| Item                                                                                          | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 4. In this school: _____ of my teachers expect me to work hard.                               | 3.34 | 1% 4              | 10% 35   | 44% 159 | 45% 165        | 363               |
| 9. In this school: _____ of my teachers would give me extra help with my work if I needed it. | 3.14 | 2% 7              | 22% 76   | 35% 121 | 40% 138        | 342               |
| 8. In this school: _____ of my teachers give me chances to work with other students.          | 2.70 | 2% 7              | 41% 141  | 42% 146 | 15% 52         | 346               |
| 10. In this school: _____ of my teachers help me learn from my mistakes on work.              | 2.67 | 8% 26             | 37% 127  | 36% 123 | 19% 65         | 341               |
| 11. In this school: _____ of my teachers give me feedback that helps me improve my work.      | 2.63 | 7% 23             | 40% 133  | 37% 125 | 16% 55         | 336               |
| 2. In this school: _____ of the students care about doing well on work.                       | 2.63 | 1% 2              | 38% 148  | 60% 234 | 2% 7           | 391               |
| 1. In this school: _____ of the students stay on task in class.                               | 2.57 | 1% 3              | 43% 168  | 56% 221 | 1% 3           | 395               |
| 5. In this school: _____ of my teachers teach about people like me.                           | 2.50 | 14% 47            | 41% 141  | 28% 98  | 18% 62         | 348               |
| 3. In this school: _____ of the students keep trying when the work is hard.                   | 2.37 | 1% 5              | 61% 238  | 36% 140 | 1% 5           | 388               |
| 6. In this school: _____ of my teachers teach about topics I like.                            | 2.32 | 5% 17             | 63% 224  | 27% 96  | 5% 18          | 355               |
| 12. In this school: _____ of my teachers explain how schoolwork will help me in the future.   | 1.87 | 36% 119           | 47% 157  | 12% 39  | 5% 18          | 333               |

| Item                                                                                                       | Mean | Strongly<br>Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree | Total<br>Respondents |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 7. In this school: _____ of my teachers<br>give me chances to pick from different types<br>of assignments. | 1.72 | 36% 127              | 56% 195  | 7% 23 | 1% 3              | 348                  |

*\* This item includes a "not applicable" option" and may have a lower response number compared to other items.*

## Behavioral Expectations

| Item                                                                                     | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 13. In this school: adults let students know how they should behave while in school.     | 2.85 | 4% 12             | 17% 48   | 69% 200 | 10% 28         | 288               |
| 18. The rules help make my school a better place.                                        | 2.67 | 4% 11             | 29% 77   | 62% 164 | 4% 11          | 263               |
| 17. I think the rules at our school are fair.                                            | 2.65 | 4% 11             | 29% 78   | 63% 168 | 3% 8           | 265               |
| 16. In this school: adults recognize when I follow the rules and expectations.           | 2.62 | 7% 20             | 30% 81   | 55% 147 | 7% 19          | 267               |
| 15. In this school: adults help students make things right when they hurt others.        | 2.32 | 10% 27            | 50% 133  | 36% 96  | 3% 8           | 264               |
| 14. In this school: adults are fair to all groups of students when they apply the rules. | 2.26 | 15% 42            | 47% 128  | 34% 94  | 3% 9           | 273               |

## Sense of Physical Safety

| Item                                                                            | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 22. I feel safe on the way to and from school.                                  | 3.07 | 2% 4              | 8% 22    | 72% 188 | 18% 48         | 262               |
| 23. I feel safe at school events or activities that happen after school hours.* | 3.03 | 2% 5              | 12% 26   | 67% 148 | 19% 43         | 222               |
| 20. I feel safe in my classrooms.                                               | 2.88 | 5% 12             | 15% 39   | 69% 182 | 12% 31         | 264               |
| 21. I feel safe outside of the classroom.                                       | 2.77 | 5% 13             | 21% 54   | 67% 176 | 7% 19          | 262               |
| 19. I feel safe during the school day.                                          | 2.74 | 6% 16             | 23% 60   | 63% 166 | 9% 23          | 265               |
| 24. Adults at this school help keep everyone safe.                              | 2.47 | 9% 22             | 40% 102  | 47% 119 | 5% 12          | 255               |

## Supportive Staff-Student Relationships

| Item                                                                                    | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 33. Adults in my school respect students: whose families have more money or less money. | 3.01 | 2% 4              | 10% 25   | 73% 175 | 15% 35         | 239               |
| 32. Adults in my school respect students: from all religions or cultures.               | 3.01 | 1% 3              | 10% 23   | 76% 184 | 13% 31         | 241               |
| 34. There are one or more adults in my school who really care about me.                 | 2.93 | 5% 12             | 18% 43   | 56% 133 | 21% 51         | 239               |
| 29. Adults in my school respect students: of all sexual orientations.                   | 2.92 | 2% 5              | 18% 43   | 67% 161 | 14% 33         | 242               |
| 28. Adults in my school respect students: of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities. | 2.85 | 2% 5              | 24% 57   | 61% 148 | 13% 31         | 241               |
| 27. Adults in my school: treat me with respect.                                         | 2.83 | 4% 11             | 17% 42   | 70% 175 | 8% 21          | 249               |
| 30. Adults in my school respect students: of all gender identities.                     | 2.78 | 5% 12             | 26% 62   | 56% 136 | 13% 32         | 242               |
| 26. Adults in my school: would help me if I was being treated badly.                    | 2.72 | 4% 9              | 27% 67   | 63% 158 | 6% 16          | 250               |
| 31. Adults in my school respect students: of all ability levels.                        | 2.62 | 6% 14             | 33% 81   | 54% 132 | 7% 17          | 244               |
| 35. I am comfortable speaking to an adult in my school if something is bothering me.    | 2.42 | 18% 42            | 32% 77   | 40% 95  | 10% 24         | 238               |
| 25. Adults in my school: want to get to know me.                                        | 2.39 | 10% 25            | 44% 110  | 43% 108 | 3% 7           | 250               |

## Prosocial Student Interpersonal Behaviors

| Item                                                                                                                            | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 41. Students at this school: are friends with students who are different from them (such as race, ethnicity, religion, gender). | 3.10 | 1% 2              | 11% 25   | 66% 149 | 22% 51         | 227               |
| 36. Students at this school: help each other if they need it.                                                                   | 2.84 | 4% 9              | 16% 36   | 73% 168 | 7% 17          | 230               |
| 42. Students at this school: include students with disabilities in groups and activities.                                       | 2.53 | 7% 16             | 38% 85   | 49% 108 | 6% 13          | 222               |
| 37. Students at this school: are kind to one another.                                                                           | 2.53 | 6% 13             | 38% 86   | 54% 121 | 3% 6           | 226               |
| 39. Students at this school: are able to resolve their problems with other students.                                            | 2.50 | 5% 12             | 41% 92   | 52% 115 | 2% 4           | 223               |
| 40. Students at this school: discuss different points of view in a respectful way.                                              | 2.46 | 9% 20             | 40% 90   | 47% 106 | 4% 8           | 224               |
| 38. Students at this school: speak up if someone might hurt others.                                                             | 2.39 | 7% 17             | 49% 111  | 41% 93  | 3% 6           | 227               |

## Student Sense of Belonging

| Item                                                  | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 47. I have one or more good friends at this school.   | 3.44 | 3% 6              | 3% 7     | 42% 93  | 52% 117        | 223               |
| 44. I can be myself at this school.                   | 2.76 | 7% 15             | 21% 46   | 62% 138 | 10% 23         | 222               |
| 45. People at this school appreciate me for who I am. | 2.74 | 4% 8              | 25% 53   | 65% 140 | 7% 14          | 215               |
| 46. I feel like I belong at this school.              | 2.68 | 7% 14             | 25% 53   | 62% 131 | 7% 14          | 212               |
| 43. I am proud to be a student at this school.        | 2.64 | 5% 11             | 33% 72   | 55% 119 | 7% 15          | 217               |

## Negative Student Interpersonal Behaviors

| Item                                                                                              | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree  | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| 53. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their religion or culture.             | 3.14 | 8% 17             | 13% 28   | 35% 74 | 44% 92         | 211               |
| 60. Students at this school pick on each other because of: how much money their family has.       | 3.11 | 9% 20             | 11% 23   | 38% 81 | 41% 87         | 211               |
| 52. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their race, ethnicity, or nationality. | 3.05 | 10% 21            | 15% 32   | 35% 74 | 40% 84         | 211               |
| 58. Students at this school pick on each other because of: how they move or walk.                 | 2.96 | 11% 23            | 18% 38   | 36% 76 | 35% 75         | 212               |
| 59. Students at this school pick on each other because of: how they speak.                        | 2.94 | 10% 22            | 18% 38   | 39% 82 | 33% 70         | 212               |
| 56. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their academic or learning ability.    | 2.73 | 13% 28            | 24% 51   | 40% 86 | 23% 49         | 214               |
| 50. Students at this school: leave other students out of groups or activities on purpose.         | 2.67 | 9% 20             | 36% 79   | 34% 75 | 21% 47         | 221               |
| 55. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their sexual orientation.              | 2.66 | 17% 35            | 30% 62   | 25% 52 | 29% 61         | 210               |
| 54. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their gender or gender expression.     | 2.61 | 17% 36            | 32% 66   | 24% 51 | 27% 56         | 209               |
| 57. Students at this school pick on each other because of: their physical appearance.             | 2.38 | 21% 46            | 33% 70   | 32% 69 | 14% 29         | 214               |
| 48. Students at this school: say mean things to each other in person.                             | 2.33 | 15% 33            | 43% 96   | 36% 79 | 6% 14          | 222               |

| Item                                                                        | Mean | Strongly<br>Disagree | Disagree | Agree  | Strongly<br>Agree | Total<br>Respondents |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 51. Students at this school: are mean to each other online or through text. | 2.18 | 28% 62               | 37% 82   | 23% 50 | 12% 26            | 220                  |
| 49. Students at this school: push, hit, or kick each other on purpose.      | 2.16 | 27% 60               | 38% 85   | 27% 59 | 8% 18             | 222                  |

## Supports for Student Social and Emotional Learning

| Item                                                                    | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 73. In my school we learn: how to value all cultures and identities.    | 2.88 | 6% 12             | 19% 40   | 57% 121 | 18% 39         | 212               |
| 71. In my school we learn: how to respect how others feel.              | 2.49 | 10% 22            | 36% 76   | 49% 105 | 5% 11          | 214               |
| 74. In my school we learn: how to help the community outside of school. | 2.49 | 11% 22            | 35% 74   | 49% 102 | 5% 11          | 209               |
| 68. In my school we learn: how to reach our goals.                      | 2.48 | 10% 21            | 35% 74   | 53% 113 | 2% 5           | 213               |
| 69. In my school we learn: how to make good choices.                    | 2.45 | 9% 20             | 37% 78   | 52% 110 | 1% 3           | 211               |
| 70. In my school we learn: how our actions affect others.               | 2.44 | 10% 22            | 38% 82   | 48% 102 | 3% 7           | 213               |
| 67. In my school we learn: to recognize our personal strengths.         | 2.41 | 13% 28            | 37% 79   | 46% 99  | 4% 8           | 214               |
| 66. In my school we learn: to stop and think before we do something.    | 2.27 | 15% 33            | 44% 94   | 39% 83  | 2% 4           | 214               |
| 61. In my school we learn: ways to ask for help when we need it.        | 2.26 | 17% 37            | 42% 91   | 38% 82  | 2% 5           | 215               |
| 72. In my school we learn: how to make things right if we hurt others.  | 2.14 | 14% 30            | 59% 124  | 26% 55  | 1% 2           | 211               |
| 62. In my school we learn: ways to resolve problems with others.        | 2.14 | 16% 34            | 56% 119  | 27% 57  | 1% 3           | 213               |
| 63. In my school we learn: ways of showing our feelings.                | 2.09 | 17% 37            | 57% 121  | 24% 51  | 1% 3           | 212               |
| 65. In my school we learn: what to do when we have upset feelings.      | 2.09 | 21% 44            | 58% 125  | 20% 43  | 1% 2           | 214               |

\* This item includes a "not applicable" option and may have a lower response number compared to other items.

| Item                                                       | Mean | Strongly<br>Disagree | Disagree | Agree  | Strongly<br>Agree | Total<br>Respondents |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------|----------|--------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 64. In my school we learn: what to do when we feel stress. | 1.98 | 29% 63               | 46% 98   | 22% 48 | 2% 5              | 214                  |

## Student Voice and Involvement

| Item                                                                                      | Mean | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree   | Strongly Agree | Total Respondents |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------------|
| 80. I participate in clubs, groups, or other activities at school.*                       | 3.30 | 3% 5              | 6% 12    | 49% 94  | 42% 80         | 191               |
| 77. In this school, I have chances to: participate in activities that help the community. | 2.90 | 2% 5              | 17% 37   | 69% 147 | 12% 25         | 214               |
| 75. In this school, I have chances to: share my ideas and opinions.                       | 2.89 | 4% 9              | 19% 40   | 61% 131 | 16% 34         | 214               |
| 76. In this school, I have chances to: help lead activities and events.                   | 2.80 | 4% 9              | 24% 50   | 60% 125 | 12% 26         | 210               |
| 78. I have chances to help decide activities in the classroom or school.                  | 2.31 | 15% 32            | 42% 90   | 40% 87  | 3% 6           | 215               |
| 79. I have chances to help make rules in the classroom or school.                         | 1.92 | 26% 56            | 57% 122  | 15% 31  | 2% 4           | 213               |