



Tarkington Elementary School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our school district wants to make sure all students feel safe, supported, and part of the school community. To help with this, we are doing our yearly School Climate Survey. This survey is part of the Stronger Connections Grant and Student Support Framework, which focus on student well-being, engagement, and making sure all students can access learning.

The School Climate Survey asks students in grades 3rd-12th about how safe they feel, their relationships with others, their school environment, and how connected they feel to school. Students will take the survey online during school hours. It should take 10 to 20 minutes to finish. To help students feel comfortable giving honest answers and to protect their privacy, no names will be written on the survey. **All answers will be anonymous.**

Results of this survey help us:

- Learn what is going well and what we can improve in our school.
- Make decisions about student support services.
- Work toward making school a more welcoming place where everyone feels they belong.

Because the survey asks about students' feelings, opinions, and experiences, it is considered a mental health screening under Texas law. This means we need your written consent before your child can take the survey.

Texas law also says that before giving any survey about student well-being or health to students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, schools must give parents and guardians a copy of the survey and get their consent. You can view the student survey here:



A paper copy of this letter and Parental Consent form will be sent home by September 29th. **Please read it, sign it, and return it to the designated teacher by October 8, 2025. Students can only take the survey if we get a signed consent form from you.**

You are also invited and encouraged to complete the School Climate Survey. Your input is important in promoting and maintaining school climate. Similar to the student surveys, this survey will include questions about your experiences with different aspects of your school's educational environment, such as relationships with school staff, communication, teaching, safety, and opportunities to be involved in the school. Our goal is to evaluate strengths and identify areas of improvement at our child's school in order to help make our school the best it can be for students, families, and staff. More information will be provided soon.

Thank you for helping us build a stronger and more connected school community.

Sincerely,

Campus Principal