


School Climate Survey

Elementary School Student Survey Results

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Sample Elementary School

999-999

Sample County

West Virginia



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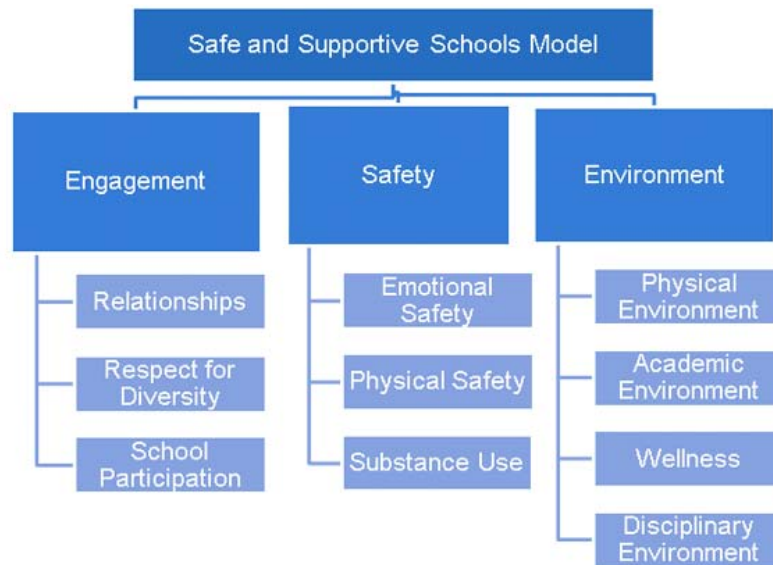
Introduction

According to the National School Climate Center, school climate refers to the quality and character of school life, and is based on students', parents', and school personnel's experience with the school. It reflects the norms, goals, values, interpersonal relationships, teaching and learning practices, and organizational structures within the school setting.

Based on a synthesis of available research and expert and stakeholder opinion, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) put forth a model for school climate measurement (Figure 1). In the proposed model, school climate consists of three primary domains, each consisting of corresponding subdomains as follows:

- **ENGAGEMENT** — the quality of relationships, including respect for diversity among students, staff and families; the level of school participation and involvement by families, staff, and students in school activities; and efforts by schools to connect with the larger community.
- **SAFETY** — the physical and emotional security of the school setting and school-related activities as perceived, experienced, and created by students, staff, families, and the community. The use and trade of illicit substances in the school setting and during school-related activities also is included in this domain.
- **ENVIRONMENT** — the physical and mental health supports available that promote student wellness, the physical condition of school facilities, the academic environment, and the disciplinary tone of the school—i.e., the fairness and adequacy of disciplinary procedures.

Figure 1. Proposed Federal Model for Measuring School Climate



National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments . Retrieved from <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/index.php?id=33>.

Schools have little control of the demographic characteristics of the students they serve or the broader factors in the community that impact educational outcomes. Research conducted in West Virginia suggests that by addressing a factor that is within their sphere of influence—improving school climate—schools may substantially diminish the unfavorable effects of those matters, such as poverty, over which they have little control. Accordingly, schools should focus their improvement efforts on the needs of their students and staff as they relate to school climate.

The West Virginia Board of Education enacted "Expected Behaviors in Safe and Supportive Schools" which became effective July 1, 2012. In carrying out this policy, school districts and schools should establish a process to gain school-wide input and commitment to school climate improvements from students, staff, parents and community. Although it is up to schools to decide how to gain the input, the West Virginia Department of Education has offered the West Virginia School Climate Surveys. Adapted from the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey suite, three interrelated surveys were available: 1) for Students; 2) for School Staff; and 3) for Parents. These surveys provide critical information about the learning and teaching environment, the health and well-being of students, and supports for parents, school staff, and students that foster learning and school success aligned with the West Virginia Standards for High Quality Schools.

A major focus of The Blueprint for Reform: The Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), released by the U.S. Department of Education in 2010, is to ensure that schools receive the support needed to invest in models that "keep students safe, supported, and healthy both in and out of school..." The blueprint further states that "States and districts also will collect other key information about teaching and learning conditions, including information on school climate such as student, teacher and school leader attendance; disciplinary incidents; or student, parent, or school staff surveys about their school experience." The WV School Climate Surveys enable schools to collect this kind of data.

This report contains survey results from the school climate survey for elementary school students. The survey required approximately 20 minutes for students to complete. Participation in the survey was voluntary, and students could choose to not participate or to answer any question they did not want to answer. Further, the survey results presented were anonymous and confidential. Students were not asked to provide names or any other identifying information. Furthermore, parental informed consent procedures were used by schools in accordance with relevant federal requirements.

In the following pages tabular results are presented showing the percentage of students responding to each question cross-tabulated by grade, school, county, and state. NOTE: County results are representative of students from only those schools in each county participating in the survey. Likewise, state results are representative of students from only those schools across the state participating in the surveys. Finally, school, county, and state results are aggregated across all grade levels of all participating students.

Survey Participant Characteristics
Sample Elementary School

Number of Students Participating in the Survey: 111

Responses by Grade

Grade	Response
3rd grade	51 46.4 %
4th grade	17 15.5 %
5th grade	42 38.2 %

Responses by Age

Age	Response
7 years old, or younger than	0 0.0 %
8 years old	13 11.7 %
9 years old	37 33.3 %
10 years old	21 18.9 %
11 years old	34 30.6 %
12 years old	6 5.4 %
13 years old, or older than 1	0 0.0 %

Responses by Gender

Gender	Response
Male	58 54.7 %
Female	48 45.3 %

Table 1

Please answer these questions about your school.

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
5a. Do you feel close to people at school?						
No, never	10.0	--	4.8	7.3	5.1	4.6
Yes, some of the time	48.0	47.1	31.0	40.9	32.1	28.8
Yes, most of the time	28.0	23.5	40.5	31.8	35.9	36.6
Yes, all of the time	14.0	29.4	23.8	20.0	26.9	30.0
5b. Are you happy to be at this school?						
No, never	18.4	11.8	2.4	12.0	5.6	4.9
Yes, some of the time	28.6	11.8	31.7	26.9	18.9	18.2
Yes, most of the time	22.4	58.8	34.1	32.4	22.2	26.6
Yes, all of the time	30.6	17.6	31.7	28.7	53.3	50.3
5c. Do you feel like you are part of this school?						
No, never	10.2	11.8	2.4	8.3	6.7	5.1
Yes, some of the time	14.3	29.4	22.0	19.4	14.5	14.6
Yes, most of the time	20.4	23.5	14.6	18.5	17.1	20.7
Yes, all of the time	55.1	35.3	61.0	53.7	61.8	59.6
5d. Do teachers treat students fairly at school?						
No, never	10.4	--	2.4	6.5	4.4	3.4
Yes, some of the time	14.6	35.3	19.0	19.4	13.0	13.8
Yes, most of the time	20.8	29.4	31.0	25.9	18.9	24.8
Yes, all of the time	54.2	35.3	47.6	48.1	63.7	58.0
5e. Do you help make class rules or choose things to do at school?						
No, never	32.7	12.5	9.5	21.3	34.6	31.2
Yes, some of the time	38.8	50.0	50.0	44.4	34.9	37.9
Yes, most of the time	10.2	25.0	16.7	14.8	17.7	17.7
Yes, all of the time	18.4	12.5	23.8	19.4	12.8	13.3
5f. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school care about you?						
No, never	6.1	--	4.8	5.5	2.3	1.9
Yes, some of the time	8.2	11.8	11.9	10.1	8.5	9.3
Yes, most of the time	18.4	29.4	11.9	17.4	16.5	16.4
Yes, all of the time	67.3	58.8	71.4	67.0	72.8	72.4
5g. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school tell you when you do a good job?						
No, never	--	--	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.1
Yes, some of the time	29.2	11.8	19.0	22.2	14.3	14.5
Yes, most of the time	39.6	29.4	26.2	32.4	32.2	33.7
Yes, all of the time	31.3	58.8	52.4	43.5	51.4	49.7
5h. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school listen when you have something to say?						
No, never	4.2	6.3	2.4	3.7	2.1	2.2
Yes, some of the time	18.8	12.5	11.9	15.9	14.4	15.0
Yes, most of the time	20.8	25.0	45.2	30.8	27.9	30.8
Yes, all of the time	56.3	56.3	40.5	49.5	55.6	52.1
5i. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school believe that you can do a good job?						
No, never	2.0	--	--	0.9	1.0	1.0
Yes, some of the time	16.3	11.8	4.9	12.0	6.5	6.2
Yes, most of the time	12.2	17.6	22.0	16.7	14.9	15.6
Yes, all of the time	69.4	70.6	73.2	70.4	77.5	77.1
5j. Do you trust teachers and other grown-ups at school?						
No, never	4.2	5.9	7.1	6.5	3.1	2.8
Yes, some of the time	22.9	17.6	9.5	16.7	11.9	10.7
Yes, most of the time	16.7	11.8	11.9	13.9	16.6	24.1

Yes, all of the time	56.3	64.7	71.4	63.0	68.4	62.3
5k. Do you do things to be helpful at school?						
No, never	2.1	5.9	2.4	3.7	1.8	1.9
Yes, some of the time	18.8	11.8	7.1	13.0	15.9	16.1
Yes, most of the time	41.7	23.5	50.0	41.7	41.8	36.7
Yes, all of the time	37.5	58.8	40.5	41.7	40.5	45.2

Table 1 Notes

Table 2

During the past year, how many times have you ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
6a. hit or pushed other kids at school when you were not playing around?						
0 Times	75.6	76.5	76.9	75.5	75.3	75.9
1 Time	15.6	11.8	12.8	14.7	15.7	13.9
2 Times	6.7	5.9	2.6	4.9	4.7	4.6
3 or More Times	2.2	5.9	7.7	4.9	4.2	5.7
6b. spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school?						
0 Times	95.0	94.1	84.6	90.7	86.8	83.3
1 Time	5.0	5.9	10.3	7.2	9.0	11.3
2 Times	--	--	--	0.0	2.2	2.3
3 or More Times	--	--	5.1	2.1	2.0	3.1

Table 2 Notes

Table 3**Do other kids at school ...**

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
7a. hit or push you when they are not just playing around?						
No, never	55.6	58.8	60.0	58.3	50.1	55.2
Yes, some of the time	33.3	29.4	32.5	32.0	35.2	34.1
Yes, most of the time	6.7	11.8	--	4.9	9.4	6.3
Yes, all of the time	4.4	--	7.5	4.9	5.2	4.4
7b. spread mean rumors or lies about you?						
No, never	58.1	35.3	47.5	50.5	49.6	51.0
Yes, some of the time	30.2	17.6	32.5	28.7	31.9	33.4
Yes, most of the time	2.3	17.6	10.0	7.9	8.3	8.2
Yes, all of the time	9.3	29.4	10.0	12.9	10.2	7.3
7c. spread mean rumors or lies about you on the Internet (i.e. Facebook™, MySpace™, email, instant message)?						
No, never	82.2	76.5	75.0	78.6	82.0	86.1
Yes, some of the time	11.1	11.8	12.5	11.7	9.1	8.5
Yes, most of the time	2.2	--	2.5	1.9	3.7	2.4
Yes, all of the time	4.4	11.8	10.0	7.8	5.2	3.0

Table 3 Notes

Table 4

During the past year, did you ever ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
8a. bring a gun to school?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.4
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.6
8b. bring a knife to school?						
Yes	--	5.9	--	1.0	1.0	1.8
No	100.0	94.1	100.0	99.0	99.0	98.2

Table 4 Notes

Table 5

In the morning before school, have you ever ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
9a. used alcohol?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.3	0.5
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.5
9b. used an illegal drug like marijuana?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.3
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
9c. used tobacco?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.5	0.7
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.5	99.3

Table 5 Notes

Table 6

During the day at school, have you ever ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
10a. used alcohol?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.3
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
10b. used an illegal drug like marijuana?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.1
No	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
10c. used tobacco?						
Yes	--	--	2.5	1.0	0.8	0.4
No	100.0	100.0	97.5	99.0	99.2	99.6

Table 6 Notes

Table 7

During the past year ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
11a. have you been bullied at school?						
Yes	43.9	58.8	60.0	52.5	46.9	46.8
No	56.1	41.2	40.0	47.5	53.1	53.2
11b. have you been bullied away from school?						
Yes	29.3	47.1	30.0	32.3	31.9	35.2
No	70.7	52.9	70.0	67.7	68.1	64.8
11c. have you helped someone else who was bullied at school?						
Yes	68.3	52.9	80.0	70.7	73.8	72.6
No	31.7	47.1	20.0	29.3	26.2	27.4
11d. have you bullied someone else at school?						
Yes	12.5	5.9	7.5	10.2	8.4	9.0
No	87.5	94.1	92.5	89.8	91.6	91.0

Table 7 Notes

Table 8

Please answer the following questions.

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
12a. Are you home alone after school?						
No, never	80.0	76.5	72.5	75.5	75.6	68.2
Yes, some of the time	15.0	17.6	25.0	20.4	19.4	25.6
Yes, most of the time	2.5	--	2.5	2.0	2.4	3.9
Yes, all of the time	2.5	5.9	--	2.0	2.6	2.3
12b. Do you feel safe at school?						
No, never	5.0	5.9	5.0	5.1	3.1	4.8
Yes, some of the time	17.5	41.2	17.5	21.4	14.2	12.3
Yes, most of the time	17.5	17.6	37.5	26.5	19.9	26.1
Yes, all of the time	60.0	35.3	40.0	46.9	62.7	56.7
12c. Do you feel safe when you are not at home or school?						
No, never	32.5	11.8	7.5	18.4	24.7	20.0
Yes, some of the time	27.5	5.9	20.0	20.4	22.8	22.9
Yes, most of the time	7.5	41.2	37.5	25.5	21.5	28.4
Yes, all of the time	32.5	41.2	35.0	35.7	31.0	28.7

Table 8 Notes

Table 9

Please answer questions about your health, your friends, and things you might do.

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
13a. Do you try to understand how other people feel?						
No, never	2.6	--	2.5	3.1	2.9	4.0
Yes, some of the time	21.1	35.3	25.0	25.0	24.6	20.2
Yes, most of the time	26.3	23.5	32.5	28.1	28.6	32.0
Yes, all of the time	50.0	41.2	40.0	43.8	43.9	43.9
13b. Do you feel bad when someone else gets their feelings hurt?						
No, never	7.9	--	5.0	5.2	2.6	3.1
Yes, some of the time	5.3	23.5	15.0	13.5	16.8	13.0
Yes, most of the time	23.7	17.6	27.5	24.0	21.3	21.8
Yes, all of the time	63.2	58.8	52.5	57.3	59.2	62.1
13c. Do you know where to go for help with a problem?						
No, never	--	5.9	--	1.1	1.1	2.1
Yes, some of the time	5.3	--	7.5	5.3	7.2	7.2
Yes, most of the time	7.9	5.9	12.5	9.5	13.1	17.9
Yes, all of the time	86.8	88.2	80.0	84.2	78.6	72.9
13d. Do you try to work out your problems by talking or writing about them?						
No, never	19.4	25.0	10.0	17.2	25.8	27.1
Yes, some of the time	19.4	43.8	32.5	29.0	23.4	24.5
Yes, most of the time	27.8	12.5	35.0	28.0	22.8	21.7
Yes, all of the time	33.3	18.8	22.5	25.8	28.0	26.7
13e. Do you tell teachers or other grown-ups at school if something bad is happening?						
No, never	5.3	5.9	10.0	8.3	5.6	7.3
Yes, some of the time	7.9	11.8	15.0	11.5	15.2	16.1
Yes, most of the time	21.1	17.6	25.0	21.9	20.5	22.0
Yes, all of the time	65.8	64.7	50.0	58.3	58.7	54.6
13f. Do your best friends get into trouble?						
No, never	8.1	5.9	35.0	18.9	25.1	27.7
Yes, some of the time	54.1	82.4	42.5	54.7	47.7	49.3
Yes, most of the time	21.6	5.9	12.5	14.7	13.9	12.9
Yes, all of the time	16.2	5.9	10.0	11.6	13.3	10.1
13g. Do your best friends try to do the right thing?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	3.0	3.1
Yes, some of the time	18.4	11.8	7.7	13.7	12.0	11.8
Yes, most of the time	26.3	23.5	33.3	28.4	27.0	28.8
Yes, all of the time	55.3	64.7	59.0	57.9	57.9	56.3
13h. Do you try to do your best?						
No, never	2.6	5.9	--	2.1	1.3	1.0
Yes, some of the time	2.6	--	5.0	3.1	4.0	3.1
Yes, most of the time	7.9	11.8	7.5	9.4	10.3	10.8
Yes, all of the time	86.8	82.4	87.5	85.4	84.4	85.1

Table 9 Notes

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
14. Do you have goals and plans for the future?						
Yes	88.6	94.1	92.5	90.3	93.0	93.9
No	11.4	5.9	7.5	9.7	7.0	6.1

Table 10 Notes

Table 11**Does a parent or some other grown-up at home ...**

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
15a. care about your schoolwork?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	0.8	1.8
Yes, some of the time	2.6	11.8	2.6	5.3	3.7	4.7
Yes, most of the time	13.2	5.9	10.3	10.5	12.6	13.0
Yes, all of the time	84.2	82.4	87.2	84.2	82.9	80.6
15b. believe that you can do a good job?						
No, never	2.6	5.9	--	2.1	1.3	0.9
Yes, some of the time	2.6	--	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.1
Yes, most of the time	7.9	5.9	2.6	5.3	8.0	9.3
Yes, all of the time	86.8	88.2	94.9	89.5	87.5	86.8
15c. want you to do your best?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	0.3	0.5
Yes, some of the time	2.6	--	--	1.1	2.1	1.8
Yes, most of the time	--	11.8	2.6	4.2	6.7	4.7
Yes, all of the time	97.4	88.2	97.4	94.7	90.9	93.0
15d. listen when you have something to say?						
No, never	--	--	--	1.1	1.9	1.9
Yes, some of the time	5.4	--	5.1	4.3	5.2	8.7
Yes, most of the time	16.2	17.6	33.3	23.4	21.7	24.8
Yes, all of the time	78.4	82.4	61.5	71.3	71.2	64.6

Table 11 Notes

Table 12

Do you ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
16a. help at home?						
No, never	--	5.9	2.6	2.1	1.4	1.7
Yes, some of the time	13.2	11.8	12.8	12.6	14.4	13.3
Yes, most of the time	31.6	35.3	53.8	41.1	40.2	39.6
Yes, all of the time	55.3	47.1	30.8	44.2	44.0	45.5
16b. get to make rules or choose things to do at home?						
No, never	23.7	17.6	15.8	19.1	30.5	25.9
Yes, some of the time	34.2	35.3	44.7	39.4	36.0	36.8
Yes, most of the time	10.5	29.4	23.7	19.1	18.0	21.3
Yes, all of the time	31.6	17.6	15.8	22.3	15.5	16.0

Table 12 Notes

