**School Climate Survey**

**Purpose**

Climate Surveys allow you to identify perceptions held by stakeholder groups (e.g. students, parents, and teachers) about the physical, social and learning environments of a school.

It is a tool for improving the effectiveness of the school system:

* Diagnostic and Assessment Tool
* Periodic Benchmarking
* Teacher Involvement and Accountability
* Staff Development
* Systematic Approach to Problem Solving

The information gathered will help you understand the nature and prevalence of school violence and hopefully lead to the development and support of programs to make schools safer.

**Student Surveys:**

Questions included on a student survey may cover the following topics:

* What is your gender?
* Which ethnic group describes you best?
* Do you have a computer at home?
* Do you have access to the Internet?
* What grade are you in?
* My school is friendly.
* The adults at my school care about the students.
* The adults in my school treat students of different races with respect.
* At school I am expected to do my best all the time.
* Students at my school focus on learning.
* My school building is a good place for learning.
* The work I do in class makes me think.
* I have choices about what I will learn.
* My school gives me the things I need to do a good job.
* The adults at my school help me when I have problems.
* The adults at my school help children of different races get along with each other.
* I have the books and supplies I need to do well in school.
* I think I do well in school.
* The students and adults in my school respect each other.
* The adults in my school listen to my ideas about the school.
* My school prepares me to do well on all kinds of tests.
* My teachers give me challenging work.
* I usually look forward to coming to school.
* I understand the Learning Targets my school expects me to achieve.
* The adults at my school make sure I follow the rules.
* People from the neighborhood or the community help out at my school.
* I understand my school's rules about behavior.
* My school promotes a drug-free environment.
* My school makes sure that classrooms are safe and orderly.
* My school makes sure that students are safe and orderly when outside on school grounds.
* The halls, bathrooms and cafeteria in my school are safe and orderly.
* My school building is neat and clean.
* When a student breaks the school's rules, the consequences are fair.
* When students at my school break the rules, teachers help them to improve their behavior.
* The adults in my school are good role models.
* My school teaches me to value and respect others who are different from me.
* My school puts the money and staff it has to good use.

**Teacher/Staff Surveys:**

Questions included on a teacher survey may cover the following topics:

* What is your gender?
* Which ethnic group describes you best?
* Identify position within school.
* Do you have a computer at home?
* Do you have access to the Internet?
* My school has a friendly atmosphere.
* My school has high expectations with regard to student achievement.
* The staff at my school care about the students.
* My school treats students with respect regardless of their race or ethnic background.
* My school has high expectations with respect to student achievement.
* Students at my school focus on learning.
* My school building has a positive atmosphere for learning.
* My school offers a strong academic program.
* School staff participates in making decisions that affect curriculum as well as teaching/learning.
* My school is good at meeting students’ needs.
* My school is supportive and handles my concerns in a timely manner.
* The staff in my school promotes understanding among students with different backgrounds.
* My school provides me with the resources necessary to be an effective teacher.
* I am pleased with the academic progress of students in my classroom.
* There is an atmosphere of respect among students and adults in my school.
* Staff members have the opportunity to participate in various decision-making forums.
* My school prepares students to do well on state, district and classroom assessments.
* I give my students challenging work.
* I look forward to going to work at my school.
* Students at my school understand the Learning Targets they are expected to achieve.
* The staff at my school enforces the rules.
* Businesses and/or community organizations provide support to my school.
* I understand my school’s rules and expectations for student behavior.
* My school promotes a drug-free environment.
* My school makes sure that classrooms are safe and orderly.
* My school makes sure that students are safe and orderly while outside on school grounds.
* The halls, bathrooms, cafeteria and other common areas in my school are safe and orderly.
* My school building is neat, clean and well-maintained.
* Students at my school are disciplined fairly.
* When students at my school break the rules, staff members help them improve their behavior.
* Teachers and staff model professional behavior.
* My school teaches students to value respect and tolerate differences in others.
* My school uses its financial and human resources effectively.
* The adults in the school work together as a team.
* Families from different backgrounds have the opportunity to participate in school activities.
* I am provided the opportunity to give input re: establishment of behavioral expectations of students at my school.
* I feel comfortable expressing my opinion at school meetings.
* The school seeks out my opinion about important issues affecting the school.

**Parent Surveys:**

* What is your gender
* Which ethnic group describes you best?
* Do you have a computer at home?
* Do you have access to the Internet?
* What grade is your child in?
* How many children do you have attending the school for which you are completing this survey?
* My child's school has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.
* The staff at my child's school cares about the students.
* My child's school treats all children with respect, regardless of their racial or ethnic background.
* My child's school has high expectations with regard to student achievement.
* My child arrives at school focused on learning.
* My child's school has a positive atmosphere for learning.
* My child's school offers a strong academic program.
* I have the opportunity to help make decisions about my child's education.
* My child's school is good at meeting students' needs.
* My child's school is supportive of parents and handles my concerns in a timely manner.
* The staff in my child's school promotes understanding among students from different backgrounds.
* The staff in my child's school has the resources necessary to work effectively.
* I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.
* There is an atmosphere of respect among students and adults in my child's school.
* I am given the opportunity to be included in decision-making that affects my child's school.
* My child's school prepares students to do well on state, district and classroom tests.
* My child is given challenging work at school.
* My child looks forward to coming to school.
* I am aware of the Learning Targets my child is expected to achieve.
* The staff in my child's school enforces the rules.
* Businesses and/or community organizations provide support to my child's school.
* I understand the rules and expectations for my child's behavior at school.
* My child's school promotes a drug-free environment.
* My child's school makes sure that classrooms are safe and orderly.
* My child's school makes sure that students are safe and orderly while outside on school grounds.
* The halls, bathrooms, cafeteria and other common areas in my child's school are safe and orderly.
* My child's school building is neat, clean and well-maintained.
* Students at my child's school are disciplined fairly.
* When students at my child's school break the rules, staff members help them improve their behavior.
* Teachers and staff at my child's school act in a professional manner.
* My child's school teaches students to value, respect, and tolerate differences in others.
* My child's school uses its financial and human resources effectively.
* The teachers and staff at my child's school and I work well together as a team.
* Families from different backgrounds have the opportunity to participate in school activities.
* I am given the opportunity to have input regarding the behavioral expectations of students at my child's school.
* I feel comfortable expressing my opinion or speaking up at school meetings.
* My child's school seeks out my opinion about important issues affecting the school.
* My child's school regularly communicates with me using a variety of different methods.
* My child's school provides me with information, resources and support that enhance my parenting skills.
* My child's school gives me information and resources that help me support my child with their school work.
* My child's school offers me enough ways to support the school as a volunteer.
* Parent participation in shared decision-making is encouraged and supported at my child's school.
* My child's school utilizes community resources to enhance student learning.