


School Climate Survey

Elementary School Student Survey Results

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Belington Elementary

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Barbour County

West Virginia



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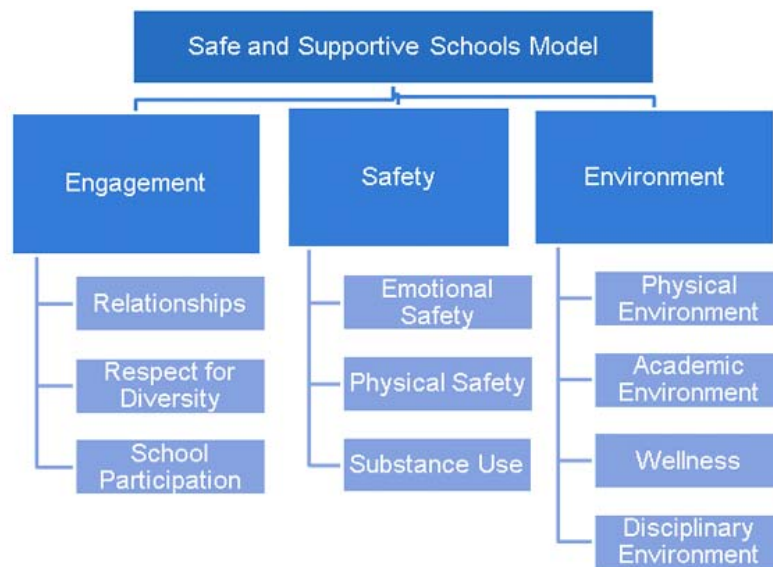
Introduction

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://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/school-climate>

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.

Reports are generated only when a sufficient number of responses are obtained. For students, a minimum of 10 valid responses are required. As a further measure to preserve the anonymity of students, results presented in this report are suppressed by grade level when fewer than 10 students responded per grade. These students are included in the overall school level results shown.

Survey Participant Characteristics Belington Elementary

Number of Students Participating in the Survey: 82

Responses by Grade

Grade	Response
3rd grade	42 51.2 %
4th grade	40 48.8 %
5th grade	0 0.0 %

Responses by Age

Age	Response
7 years old, or younger than	1 1.2 %
8 years old	34 41.5 %
9 years old	40 48.8 %
10 years old	7 8.5 %
11 years old	0 0.0 %
12 years old	0 0.0 %
13 years old, or older than 1	0 0.0 %

Responses by Gender

Gender	Response
Male	39 48.8 %
Female	41 51.3 %

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	9.8	10.3	--	10.0	6.0	5.2
Yes, some of the time	19.5	33.3	--	26.3	24.1	26.7
Yes, most of the time	17.1	12.8	--	15.0	28.9	34.6
Yes, all of the time	53.7	43.6	--	48.8	41.0	33.5
5b. Are you happy to be at this school?						
No, never	2.4	--	--	1.2	1.2	2.9
Yes, some of the time	9.5	10.0	--	9.8	11.6	12.9
Yes, most of the time	16.7	10.0	--	13.4	16.3	23.4
Yes, all of the time	71.4	80.0	--	75.6	70.9	60.8
5c. Do you feel like you are part of this school?						
No, never	9.8	5.1	--	7.5	6.1	4.5
Yes, some of the time	14.6	12.8	--	13.8	12.6	12.3
Yes, most of the time	9.8	12.8	--	11.3	15.4	20.2
Yes, all of the time	65.9	69.2	--	67.5	65.9	63.0
5d. Do teachers treat students fairly at school?						
No, never	7.1	--	--	3.7	2.8	2.1
Yes, some of the time	2.4	5.0	--	3.7	8.8	10.0
Yes, most of the time	21.4	12.5	--	17.1	22.0	22.4
Yes, all of the time	69.0	82.5	--	75.6	66.4	65.6
5e. Do you help make class rules or choose things to do at school?						
No, never	31.7	13.2	--	22.8	24.5	27.1
Yes, some of the time	19.5	23.7	--	21.5	26.5	33.7
Yes, most of the time	19.5	18.4	--	19.0	18.4	19.4
Yes, all of the time	29.3	44.7	--	36.7	30.6	19.7
5f. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school care about you?						
No, never	2.4	--	--	1.3	0.4	1.3
Yes, some of the time	--	10.8	--	5.1	7.7	7.0
Yes, most of the time	14.3	5.4	--	10.1	10.2	14.3
Yes, all of the time	83.3	83.8	--	83.5	81.7	77.3
5g. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school tell you when you do a good job?						
No, never	4.9	2.5	--	3.7	2.8	2.0
Yes, some of the time	12.2	12.5	--	12.3	10.5	12.8
Yes, most of the time	17.1	15.0	--	16.0	26.6	33.2
Yes, all of the time	65.9	70.0	--	67.9	60.1	52.0
5h. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school listen when you have something to say?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	2.8	1.4
Yes, some of the time	11.9	10.3	--	11.1	12.4	11.6
Yes, most of the time	26.2	5.1	--	16.0	23.6	28.6
Yes, all of the time	61.9	84.6	--	72.8	61.2	58.4
5i. Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school believe that you can do a good job?						
No, never	--	2.5	--	1.3	0.8	1.0
Yes, some of the time	7.5	7.5	--	7.5	7.7	4.7
Yes, most of the time	12.5	7.5	--	10.0	9.3	14.2
Yes, all of the time	80.0	82.5	--	81.3	82.3	80.2
5j. Do you trust teachers and other grown-ups at school?						
No, never	2.6	2.6	--	2.6	3.3	1.7
Yes, some of the time	17.9	2.6	--	10.4	8.1	8.5
Yes, most of the time	20.5	10.5	--	15.6	21.1	21.3
Yes, all of the time	59.0	84.2	--	71.4	67.5	68.6

5k. Do you do things to be helpful at school?

No, never	2.4	2.6	--	2.5	1.6	1.1
Yes, some of the time	11.9	2.6	--	7.4	7.6	12.7
Yes, most of the time	11.9	20.5	--	16.0	26.1	33.3
Yes, all of the time	73.8	74.4	--	74.1	64.7	53.0

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	87.8	95.0	--	91.4	84.5	81.4
1 Time	--	2.5	--	1.2	5.3	10.9
2 Times	9.8	--	--	4.9	6.5	3.8
3 or More Times	2.4	2.5	--	2.5	3.7	3.9
6b. spread mean rumors or lies about other kids at school?						
0 Times	87.2	92.1	--	89.6	82.8	87.5
1 Time	5.1	5.3	--	5.2	12.1	8.6
2 Times	--	--	--	0.0	2.1	1.8
3 or More Times	7.7	2.6	--	5.2	2.9	2.0

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	57.1	65.0	--	61.0	51.0	58.7
Yes, some of the time	31.0	30.0	--	30.5	36.4	32.0
Yes, most of the time	7.1	2.5	--	4.9	7.3	5.3
Yes, all of the time	4.8	2.5	--	3.7	5.3	4.0
7b. spread mean rumors or lies about you?						
No, never	69.2	71.8	--	70.5	55.4	57.6
Yes, some of the time	25.6	17.9	--	21.8	28.5	29.3
Yes, most of the time	2.6	--	--	1.3	8.3	7.0
Yes, all of the time	2.6	10.3	--	6.4	7.9	6.2
7c. spread mean rumors or lies about you on the Internet (i.e. Facebook™, MySpace™, email, instant message)?						
No, never	95.2	94.7	--	95.0	91.1	89.7
Yes, some of the time	2.4	2.6	--	2.5	4.5	6.5
Yes, most of the time	2.4	2.6	--	2.5	2.8	1.9
Yes, all of the time	--	--	--	0.0	1.6	2.0

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	--	2.5	--	1.2	0.8	0.5
No	100.0	97.5	--	98.8	99.2	99.5
8b. bring a knife to school?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.8	1.1
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	99.2	98.9

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	0.0	0.4
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	99.6
9b. used an illegal drug like marijuana?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.3
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	99.7
9c. used tobacco?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.5
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	99.5

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	99.7
10b. used an illegal drug like marijuana?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.2
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	99.8
10c. used tobacco?						
Yes	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.4
No	100.0	100.0	--	100.0	100.0	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	59.5	55.0	--	57.3	52.4	43.4
No	40.5	45.0	--	42.7	47.6	56.6
11b. have you been bullied away from school?						
Yes	48.8	42.5	--	45.7	44.4	35.3
No	51.2	57.5	--	54.3	55.6	64.7
11c. have you helped someone else who was bullied at school?						
Yes	68.3	76.9	--	72.5	78.0	72.7
No	31.7	23.1	--	27.5	22.0	27.3
11d. have you bullied someone else at school?						
Yes	9.5	2.6	--	6.2	8.4	6.3
No	90.5	97.4	--	93.8	91.6	93.7

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	85.7	77.5	--	81.7	79.2	73.5
Yes, some of the time	11.9	20.0	--	15.9	14.4	20.8
Yes, most of the time	2.4	--	--	1.2	4.0	3.2
Yes, all of the time	--	2.5	--	1.2	2.4	2.5
12b. Do you feel safe at school?						
No, never	--	7.5	--	3.7	4.0	3.8
Yes, some of the time	14.6	12.5	--	13.6	14.8	10.3
Yes, most of the time	14.6	2.5	--	8.6	18.4	23.7
Yes, all of the time	70.7	77.5	--	74.1	62.8	62.3
12c. Do you feel safe when you are not at home or school?						
No, never	23.8	27.8	--	25.6	24.1	22.2
Yes, some of the time	21.4	13.9	--	17.9	22.0	21.8
Yes, most of the time	16.7	16.7	--	16.7	20.0	26.7
Yes, all of the time	38.1	41.7	--	39.7	33.9	29.4

Table 8 Notes

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
13. During the past 30 days, did you miss school because you felt unsafe at school?						
Yes	4.9	7.9	--	6.3	7.3	4.2
No	95.1	92.1	--	93.7	92.7	95.8

Table 9 Notes

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
14. During the past 30 days, did you miss school because you felt unsafe on your way to and from school.?						
Yes	2.4	8.1	--	5.1	7.4	4.9
No	97.6	91.9	--	94.9	92.6	95.1

Table 10 Notes

Table 11

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

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
15a. Do you try to understand how other people feel?						
No, never	--	2.5	--	1.2	2.0	4.7
Yes, some of the time	23.8	12.5	--	18.3	15.9	21.2
Yes, most of the time	23.8	27.5	--	25.6	27.1	29.7
Yes, all of the time	52.4	57.5	--	54.9	55.0	44.4
15b. Do you feel bad when someone else gets their feelings hurt?						
No, never	4.8	2.5	--	3.7	3.2	2.5
Yes, some of the time	4.8	10.0	--	7.3	8.4	10.9
Yes, most of the time	9.5	15.0	--	12.2	13.1	19.1
Yes, all of the time	81.0	72.5	--	76.8	75.3	67.5
15c. Do you know where to go for help with a problem?						
No, never	2.6	7.7	--	5.1	4.1	2.7
Yes, some of the time	12.8	5.1	--	9.0	7.3	6.4
Yes, most of the time	2.6	5.1	--	3.8	9.8	17.3
Yes, all of the time	82.1	82.1	--	82.1	78.9	73.6
15d. Do you try to work out your problems by talking or writing about them?						
No, never	17.5	25.6	--	21.5	23.3	25.6
Yes, some of the time	22.5	12.8	--	17.7	21.6	23.0
Yes, most of the time	20.0	12.8	--	16.5	17.1	22.1
Yes, all of the time	40.0	48.7	--	44.3	38.0	29.3
15e. Do you tell teachers or other grown-ups at school if something bad is happening?						
No, never	9.5	7.9	--	8.8	5.3	6.0
Yes, some of the time	2.4	15.8	--	8.8	7.7	11.8
Yes, most of the time	14.3	10.5	--	12.5	19.1	20.6
Yes, all of the time	73.8	65.8	--	70.0	67.9	61.6
15f. Do your best friends get into trouble?						
No, never	31.0	48.7	--	39.5	29.4	32.0
Yes, some of the time	42.9	41.0	--	42.0	47.2	47.9
Yes, most of the time	7.1	5.1	--	6.2	10.9	11.1
Yes, all of the time	19.0	5.1	--	12.3	12.5	9.0
15g. Do your best friends try to do the right thing?						
No, never	4.8	2.7	--	3.8	4.9	2.2
Yes, some of the time	2.4	8.1	--	5.1	6.1	9.6
Yes, most of the time	14.3	16.2	--	15.2	22.0	25.9
Yes, all of the time	78.6	73.0	--	75.9	67.1	62.4
15h. Do you try to do your best?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	1.0
Yes, some of the time	--	2.7	--	1.3	1.6	1.6
Yes, most of the time	2.4	--	--	1.3	2.8	8.5
Yes, all of the time	97.6	97.3	--	97.4	95.5	88.9

Table 11 Notes

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
16. Do you have goals and plans for the future?						
Yes	72.2	94.6	--	83.6	88.7	90.9
No	27.8	5.4	--	16.4	11.3	9.1

Table 12 Notes

Table 13**Does a parent or some other grown-up at home ...**

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
17a. care about your schoolwork?						
No, never	4.8	--	--	2.4	2.0	1.3
Yes, some of the time	--	2.5	--	1.2	2.8	3.0
Yes, most of the time	7.1	5.0	--	6.1	10.0	10.2
Yes, all of the time	88.1	92.5	--	90.2	85.3	85.5
17b. believe that you can do a good job?						
No, never	2.4	--	--	1.2	0.4	0.8
Yes, some of the time	2.4	--	--	1.2	0.8	2.0
Yes, most of the time	7.1	7.5	--	7.3	7.6	8.5
Yes, all of the time	88.1	92.5	--	90.2	91.2	88.7
17c. want you to do your best?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.3
Yes, some of the time	--	--	--	0.0	0.8	1.1
Yes, most of the time	7.1	--	--	3.8	3.6	3.5
Yes, all of the time	92.9	100.0	--	96.3	95.6	95.1
17d. listen when you have something to say?						
No, never	--	2.6	--	1.2	2.0	1.6
Yes, some of the time	7.1	2.6	--	4.9	9.7	7.2
Yes, most of the time	7.1	5.1	--	6.2	18.2	21.3
Yes, all of the time	85.7	89.7	--	87.7	70.0	69.9

Table 13 Notes

Table 14

Do you ...

	Grade (%)					
	3rd	4th	5th	School	County	State
18a. help at home?						
No, never	--	--	--	0.0	1.6	1.7
Yes, some of the time	17.1	10.0	--	13.6	14.5	13.6
Yes, most of the time	29.3	20.0	--	24.7	30.2	37.3
Yes, all of the time	53.7	70.0	--	61.7	53.6	47.3
18b. get to make rules or choose things to do at home?						
No, never	50.0	17.9	--	34.6	35.4	27.4
Yes, some of the time	16.7	30.8	--	23.5	25.5	33.3
Yes, most of the time	11.9	15.4	--	13.6	18.5	21.4
Yes, all of the time	21.4	35.9	--	28.4	20.6	17.8

Table 14 Notes

