



Research indicates that school climate can either be a positive influence on students' learning environment, or can serve as a significant barrier to students' learning. Researchers have documented that positive ratings of student climate to contribute to factors that help high economically disadvantaged schools "beat the odds" (Voight, Austin & Hanson, 2013). Indeed, students at high-performing AISD schools with high levels of economic disadvantage had more positive ratings of behavioral environment and adult fairness and respect in Spring 2013 than did students at lower performing schools AISD with similar levels of economic disadvantage (Lamb, 2014).

The following tables show the total number of surveys students at Blackshear completed in 2013-2014 (Table 1) and the response rate by grade (Table 2).

# of surveys returned	65	16,960
# of students	77	19,770
% of students represented	84%	86%

grade	# of students enrolled	# of responses	response rate
3rd grade	32	25	78%
4th grade	25	22	88%
5th grade	20	18	90%
6th grade	n/a	n/a	n/a%

Students' grade level was self-reported. Population data reflect enrollment as of the PEIMS snapshot date in October 2012.

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- 1. My classmates show respect to each other.
- 2. My classmates show respect to other students who are different.
- 3. I am happy with the way my classmates treat me.
- 13. Students at my school follow the school rules.
- 14. I feel safe at my school.
- 15. Students at this school treat teachers with respect.
- 29. My classmates behave the way my teachers want them to.
- 30. Our classes stay busy and do not waste time.
- 31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, messed with, threatened by other students).*

Behavioral environment average

Response options ranged from 1 = _____ to 4 = _____ (item #31 has been reverse-scored). It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. Items 29 and 30 are from the _____ subscale of the Tripod survey and response options for item 31 are 1 = _____, 2 = _____, 3 = _____, 4 = _____ (subscale score calculated from 1 = _____ to 4 = _____).

- 9. I like to come to school.
- 17. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.
- 24. My homework helps me learn the things I need to know.
- 25. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.
- 26. I have fun learning in my classes.
- 28. My teachers connect what I am doing to my life outside the classroom.
- 37. I receive recognition and praise for doing good work.

Student engagement average

Response options ranged from 1 = _____ to 4 = _____. It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0.

- 16. I can do even the hardest schoolwork if I try.
- 18. I am/was well prepared to take the STAAR.*
- 19. I try hard to do my best work.
- 22. I feel successful in my schoolwork.
- 23. I can reach the goals I set for myself.

Academic self-confidence average

- 12. My teachers believe I can learn.
- 20. My teachers believe I can do well in school.
- 33. My teachers expect me to think hard about things we read.*
- 34. My teachers expect everybody to work hard.*
- 35. My teachers expect my best effort.

Teacher expectations average

These items are based on the _____ subscale from the Tripod survey and response options have changed to be on the AISD scale. It is desirable to have a response of at least 3.0. One item was dropped from this subscale in 2014 and items #12 and #20 have been moved from the Adult Fairness and Respect subscale to the Teacher Expectations subscale based on results generated from factor analyses and reliability analyses. Average subscale scores reported here are diff aralorted here are diffwd hool.



% Yes	77%
% No	2%
% Maybe	22%

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18. I am/was well prepared to take the TAKS/STAAR.	18. I am/was well prepared to take the STAAR.
31. Students at my school are bullies (tease, mess with, threaten other students).	31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, messed with, threatened by other students).
33. My teachers push me to think hard about things we read.	33. My teachers expect me to think hard about the things we read.
34. My teachers push everybody to work hard.	34. My teachers expect everybody to work hard.
36. A lot of teachers at this school know who I am.	36. Teachers at this school know who I am.

