

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 Dawson completed in 2013-2014 (Table 1) and the response rate by grade (Table 2).

# of surveys returned	99	16,960
# of students	129	19,770
% of students represented	77%	86%



9. I like to come to school.	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.2
17. I enjoy doing my schoolwork.	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.2
24. My homework helps me learn the things I need to know.	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.5
25. My schoolwork makes me think about things in new ways.	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3
26. I have fun learning in my classes.	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4
28. My teachers connect what I am doing to my life outside the classroom.	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.2
37. I receive recognition and praise for doing good work.	n/a	3.7	3.6	3.4
Student engagement average	n/a	3.6	3.5	3.3

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.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
18. I am/was well prepared to take the STAAR.*	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5
19. I try hard to do my best work.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
22. I feel successful in my schoolwork.	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5
23. I can reach the goals I set for myself.	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5
Academic self-confidence average	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6

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12. My teachers believe I can learn.	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
20. My teachers believe I can do well in school.	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.9
33. My teachers expect me to think hard about things we read.*	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8
34. My teachers expect everybody to work hard.*	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
35. My teachers expect my best effort.	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9
Teacher expectations average	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9

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 different than those reported in prior reports.

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% Yes	81%	85%	84%	77%
% No	2%	2%	1%	2%
% Maybe	17%	13%	15%	22%

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 31. Students at my school are bullies (tease, mess with, threaten other students).
 33. My teachers push me to think hard about things we read.
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	Dawson 2012-2013 2013-2014	All Elementary Schools 2013-2014
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 4. Teachers at this school care about their students. 5. Adults at this school listen to student ideas and opinions. 6. Adults at this school treat all students fairly. 7. The staff in the front office show respect to students. 8. There is at least one adult at my school who I would go to if I have a 		