

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 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 AISD schools with similar levels of economic disadvantage (Lamb, 2014). The following tables show the total number of surveys students at

Table 1. Number of Respondents in 2013-2014 for:

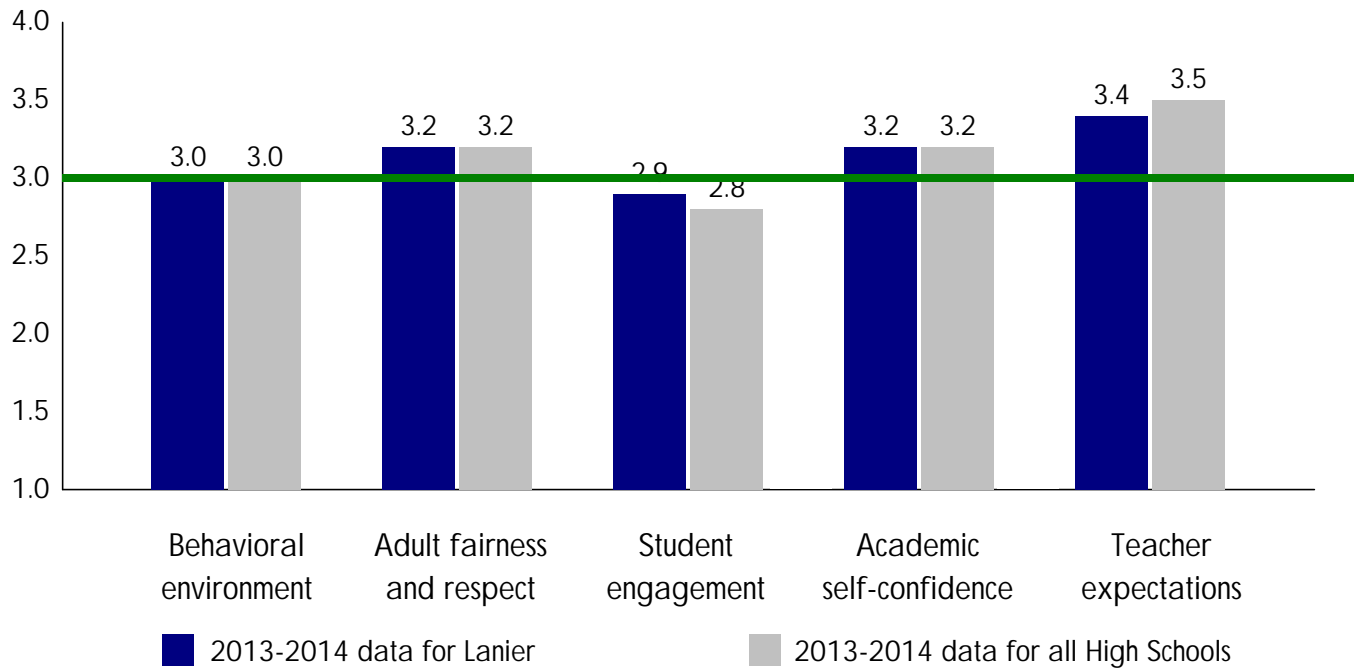
of surveys returned

of students

% of students represented

Figure 1 depicts Lanier's average student climate survey ratings for 2013-2014, compared with average ratings across all High Schools in 2013-2014. Scores over 3.0 are desirable, as indicated by the green line. Please note the green and red text boxes that highlight the specific area in which Lanier most excels, as well as the area in which Lanier can improve most.

Figure 1. Student Climate Survey Subscales for Lanier and all High Schools, 2013-2014



Lanier's highest score on the 2013-2014 Student Climate Survey was for teacher expectations, which measures students' perceptions of their teachers' expectations. Please think about what your campus does to foster high expectations, and share your strategies with others.

Lanier's lowest score on the 2013-2014 Student Climate Survey was for student engagement. This subscale measures the extent to which students enjoy their schoolwork and learning. We encourage your campus to improve the ways in which teachers provide instruction that is relevant and engaging for students. Improving student engagement is a goal of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). To find out ways to improve student engagement, please visit: <http://www.austinisd.org/academics/sel>

The following pages contain more detailed information regarding Lanier's student climate results from 2011-2012 to 2013-2014. Please review the individual items on each subscale with particular attention to how Lanier's average ratings have changed or remained consistent over time. Please note that some subscales have changed from previous years, making longitudinal comparisons inappropriate for some items and subscales. For items and subscales where longitudinal data are available, statistically meaningful changes are noted with up or down arrows. Please share the results of this report with all campus staff and your Campus Advisory Council to inform campus improvement planning. Appendix B contains a table with the percentage of students responding favorably to each item.

Behavioral environment

Lanier

2011-2012

- 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, taunted, 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 these items were changed to reflect the AISD scale. For more information, visit: <http://www.metproject.org/partners#cambridge>.

Adult fairness and respect

37. I will go to college after high school.	Lanier			All High Schools
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014
% Yes	61%	61%	61%	75%
% No	5%	4%	6%	4%
% Maybe	34%	35%	33%	22%

To view the district summary report or additional survey results from 2013-2014 or before, visit:
<http://www.austinisd.org/dre/district-campus-surveys>

Appendix A. Reworded items on the 2013-2014 Student Climate Survey and How They Differ From Their 2012-2013 Version.

2012-2013 Items	2013-2014 Reworded Items
31. Students at my school are bullies (tease, taunt, threaten other students).	31. Students at my school are bullied (teased, taunted, 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.

Lanier	All High
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