

# 2014 Parent Climate Survey



## Parent Climate Survey Scale Scores

### District Middle School

#### Response Rate

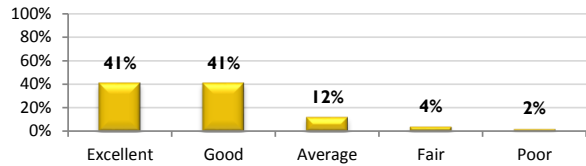
Your school returned 2123 parent climate surveys.

The response rate for your school is 26%.

The charts on this page display the % of parents who marked each response option across all questions in a scale. The caption below each chart represents the percentage of "agree"/"strongly agree" responses across all items in a scale (excludes "don't know" & "N/A" from totals). The tables on the next pages display the results of all survey questions and which items are included in each scale.

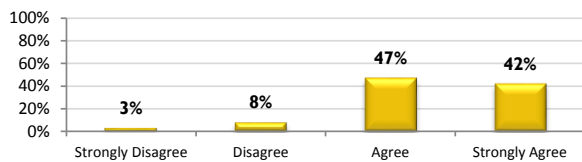
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### Overall Rating



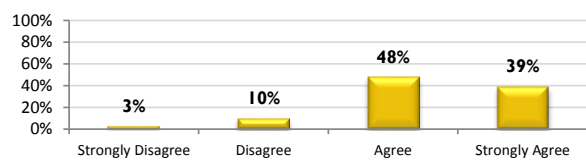
**32%** of parents gave your school an "excellent" rating.

### Supportive Place



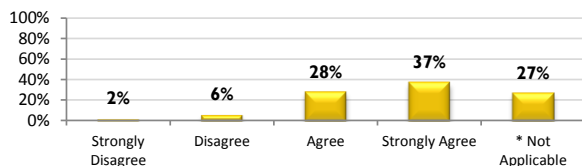
**86%** of parents agree that the school is welcoming and supportive of parent involvement.

### Quality Education



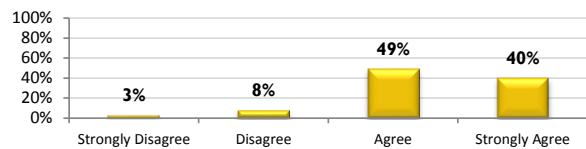
**83%** of parents agree that their child is receiving a high quality education.

### Contact with Personnel



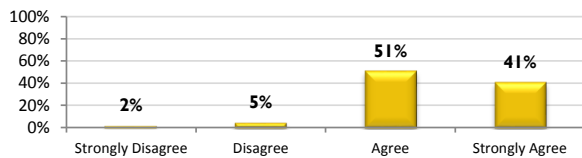
**84%** of parents agree that their contact with school personnel has been positive. (\*"N/A" excluded from calculation)

### Communication with School



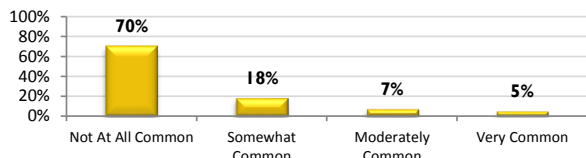
**86%** of parents agree that their child's school does a good job communicating with them about their child's learning.

### Safety



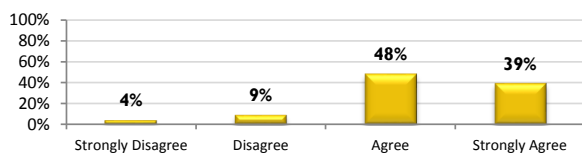
**88%** of parents agree that their child feels safe inside and outside the school.

### Student Behavior



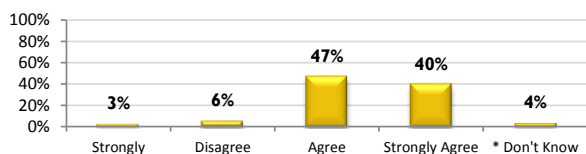
**84%** of parents agree that student risk-taking behaviors are only somewhat or not at all common.

### Adult Caring



**84%** of parents agree that adults at their child's school care how their child is doing.

### Bus Service



**90%** of parents agree that the school bus system functions well. (\*"Don't Knows" excluded from calculation)

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## Parent Climate Individual Items

The tables below show the percentage of parents in your school who provided a response to each question on the survey across response categories. Dashes indicate fewer than 10 responses to the question.

Note: These questions should be reviewed along with your school's results on each scale on the previous page.

**Table 1. Overall Rating**

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
How would you rate the quality of education your child's school has provided?	32%	45%	15%	5%	2%

**Table 2. Supportive Place**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
2a. Staff make me feel welcome at my child's school.	2%	7%	54%	37%
2b. If I need help or have a question, I know whom to talk to at this school.	3%	12%	51%	34%
2c. School employees are polite to me at this school.	2%	4%	53%	41%
2d. My child's school sees parents as important partners in the education process.	2%	9%	51%	38%
2e. If important educational decisions are being made about my child, I trust the school will value my opinion.	5%	13%	50%	32%
2f. My child's school wants to hear my ideas about how to make the school better.	5%	18%	52%	25%

**Table 3. Special Instructional Needs**

	Yes	No
Do you have a child with special instructional needs?	13%	87%

**Table 4. (If yes to Q3) How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My child's special instructional needs are being met.	7%	13%	45%	35%

**Table 5. School Leadership**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The Principal makes decisions that are in the best interest of all children at this school.	3%	7%	54%	36%

**Table 6. Have you had an issue or concern to discuss with the principal or assistant principal this year?**

	Yes	No
Have you had an issue or concern to discuss with the principal or assistant principal this year?	24%	76%

**Table 7. School Leadership**

*When I have had an issue or a concern to discuss with the principal or the assistant principal...(answered only if "yes" to Table 6)*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
7a. He or she was available to talk to me.	5%	14%	45%	36%
7b. He or she was courteous and listened to my concerns.	4%	11%	45%	39%
7c. He or she responded to my concerns in a professional manner, whether or not he or she agreed with me.	7%	12%	42%	39%

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**Table 8. Quality Education**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
8a. My child is receiving the kind of instruction that is appropriate for his or her abilities.	4%	13%	54%	30%
8b. The teachers set high expectations for my child's learning.	3%	11%	52%	34%
8c. The teachers provide all of the supports my child needs to do well in his or her classes.	4%	14%	51%	31%
8d. The teachers do a good job helping my child do his/her best work.	4%	16%	50%	30%

**Table 9. Contact with School Personnel**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
9a. The contact from my child's teacher(s) has been mostly positive.	2%	8%	38%	36%	16%
9b. The contact from the school counselor has been mostly positive.	3%	5%	27%	26%	39%
9c. The contact from the school administrator(s) (principal, dean, vice principal) has been mostly positive.	2%	4%	29%	29%	36%
9d. My child's teacher(s) have given me ideas on how to support my child's learning at home.	6%	15%	33%	26%	20%

**Table 10. Support for Learning**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Have you ever asked your child's teacher for help on how to support your child's learning?	54%	46%

**Table 11. How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?**

	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
When I have asked my child's teacher for help on how to support my child's learning, he or she has provided me with help.	5%	19%	46%	30%

**Table 12. Communication with School**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
12a. I am kept informed about my child's ongoing learning and progress.	3%	11%	54%	32%
12b. I am kept informed about my child's grades.	2%	7%	53%	37%
12c. My child's teacher(s) are available to discuss my child's learning needs with me.	2%	12%	56%	31%
12d. I am kept informed about my child's behavior.	2%	11%	55%	32%
12e. I am provided sufficient notice about activities like tutoring, after school programs, student performances, parent workshops, and other events.	6%	15%	50%	29%
12f. I am satisfied with the opportunities for me to be involved in my child's school.	3%	12%	57%	28%
12g. Teachers at my child's school post grades and assignments on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at least twice a month.	3%	8%	54%	35%
12h. Overall, I am satisfied with the communication between this school and me.	4%	12%	52%	31%

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<i>How often does your school contact you in the following ways:</i>	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Never
12i. Connect Ed calls, email, texts sent to all parents	12%	56%	19%	6%	8%
12j. Personal phone calls	4%	11%	10%	13%	62%
12k. Personalized email	3%	21%	14%	13%	48%
12l. Personalized postcards/letters	1%	3%	11%	19%	66%
12m. Face to face meetings at my home	1%	1%	1%	3%	94%
12n. Face to face meetings at school or in the community	1%	2%	8%	34%	56%
12o. Postings on Infinite Campus Parent Portal	16%	29%	18%	13%	23%

**Table 13. Safety and Behavior**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
13a. My child feels safe inside the school.	3%	8%	57%	32%
13b. My child feels safe outside the school.	3%	9%	59%	29%

**Table 14. Student Behavior**

<i>How common are the following behaviors among students at your child's school?</i>	Not at all Common	Somewhat Common	Moderately Common	Very Common
14a. Lack of respect towards staff by the students.	44%	34%	14%	8%
14b. Lack of respect towards students by school staff.	64%	23%	8%	5%
14c. Harrassment or bullying among students.	36%	36%	16%	13%
14d. Gang-related activity.	70%	20%	6%	4%
14e. Student alcohol use.	73%	19%	5%	3%
14f. Student drug use.	64%	24%	7%	4%

**Table 15. Adult Caring**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
15a. Most staff at my child's school really care about my child.	3%	10%	57%	31%
15b. My child has a close relationship with at least one staff member at the school.	4%	17%	46%	33%
15c. The rules and expectations for behavior are the same for every student at my child's school.	6%	15%	52%	28%
15d. My child is treated fairly by all teachers and staff, no matter his/her race, cultural, or family background.	4%	8%	53%	34%

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**Table 16. School Operations**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
16a. My child's school building is clean.	2%	3%	47%	44%	4%
16b. Vandalism of school property is a problem at my child's school.	29%	34%	12%	4%	20%

**Table 17. Transportation**

**How does your child travel to school? (Select all that apply)**

17a. Bus	38%
17b. Walk/Bike	20%
17c. Parent, another adult, or my child drives to school.	57%

**Table 18. Bus Service**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
18a. I am satisfied with the bus service my child receives.	5%	7%	56%	32%	1%
18b. My child is safe when riding the school bus.	3%	6%	56%	32%	3%
18c. My child's bus driver is friendly and respectful.	5%	7%	44%	33%	11%
18d. The bus service is usually on-time.	2%	6%	53%	37%	2%

**Table 19. Walking Safety**

<i>How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below?</i>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>
My child is safe walking to and from school.	9%	16%	59%	16%

**Table 20. Do you have internet access at home?**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	94%	6%

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**Table 21. How could your child's school do a better job of partnering with you in your child's education? (Select all that apply)**

21a. Provide more opportunities to volunteer at my child's school.	17%
21b. I want more ideas for ways I can support my child's learning at home.	34%
21c. I want more opportunities to understand my child's progress.	32%
21d. I want more opportunities to understand the process for getting into college.	30%
21e. I want more opportunities to understand the transition from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school.	31%
21f. I want more opportunities to participate in helping to form school policies.	14%
21g. None of the above. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have to be involved in my child's school.	35%
21h. Other	6%

**Table 22. What can your child's school do to help you attend classes or events that might interest you? (Select all that apply)**

22a. Provide childcare.	8%
22b. Provide transportation.	6%
22c. Provide interpreters.	9%
22d. Personally invite you.	11%
22e. Make me feel welcome at the school.	15%
22f. Send early notices about events earlier.	40%
22g. Improve quality of classes.	17%
22h. I don't need this because I'm already doing everything at home to support my child's learning and I have all of the information I need.	43%
22i. Other	6%

**Table 23. How many children do you have attending this school?**

23a. 1	83%
23b. 2	14%
23c. 3	2%
23d. 4	1%
23e. 5 or more	0%

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**Table 24. What grade(s) are your child(ren) currently in at this school? (Please select all that apply)**

24a. Kindergarten	2%
24b. 1st	1%
24c. 2nd	1%
24d. 3rd	1%
24e. 4th	1%
24f. 5th	3%
24g. 6th	14%
24h. 7th	46%
24i. 8th	45%
24j. 9th	1%
24k. 10th	2%
24l. 11th	1%
24m. 12th	1%

**Table 25. What is your relationship to the child(ren)? (Please select all that apply)**

25a. Father	21%
25b. Mother	79%
25c. Stepfather	1%
25d. Stepmother	1%
25e. Grandfather	1%
25f. Grandmother	2%
25g. Uncle	0%
25h. Aunt	1%
25i. Guardian	2%
25j. Other	1%

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**Table 26. Does your child receive free or reduced price lunch?**

26a. Yes	30%
26b. No	67%
26c. Choose Not to Answer	4%

**Table 27. What is the highest level of education any member of your household has obtained?**

27a. No schooling completed or less than 1 year	0%
27b. Kindergarten, elementary and middle school (grades 1-8)	4%
27c. Some high school	5%
27d. Graduated high school	10%
27e. Some college	18%
27f. Associate's degree (including occupational or academic degrees)	13%
27g. Bachelor's Degree (BA, BS)	23%
27h. Master's Degree (MA, MS)	15%
27i. Professional School Degree (MEd, MSW)	5%
27j. Doctorate Degree (PhD, EdD)	6%

**Table 28. My school tries to communicate with me in my native language.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
	5%	3%	29%	26%	37%

**Table 29. What is your race or ethnicity? (Please select all that apply)**

29a. Asian	5%
29b. Black or African American	2%
29c. Hispanic or Latino	27%
29d. Native American	2%
29e. Pacific Islander	1%
29f. Multi-racial	3%
29g. White	65%
29h. Other	2%



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**Table 30. What are the best ways for the school to communicate with you about your child’s education? (Please select all that apply)**

30a. Mail	29%
30b. Email	77%
30c. Telephone	59%
30d. Text messages	50%
30e. Website	13%
30f. Infinite Campus Parent Portal	41%
30g. Face to face meetings	30%
30h. Notices brought home by student	28%
30i. Teachers contact me	38%
30j. Principal contacts me	20%
30k. Counselors contact me	25%
30l. Other	2%

**Table 31. What is the best time of day for you to attend school workshops or events? (Select all that apply)**

28a. Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon	18%
28b. Between 12 noon and 3 p.m.	14%
28c. Between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.	35%
28d. After 6 p.m.	64%

**Table 32. What is the best day of the week for you to attend school workshops or events? (Select all that apply)**

29a. Monday	40%
29b. Tuesday	45%
29c. Wednesday	52%
29d. Thursday	45%
29e. Friday	36%
29f. Saturday	23%
29g. Sunday	13%