# School Climate Survey Middle School and High School Students

## **Instructions on Data Display**

These instructions provide an overview of the NJ School Climate Survey **Data Display** worksheet and serve as a guide for understanding as well as interpreting the survey results. This section provides instructions on how to interpret a set of sample tables which look just like the ones that appear on the actual results tabs.

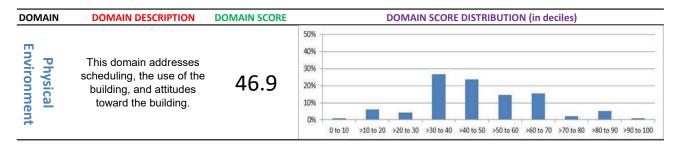
### **Reading the Individual Domain Scores**

When you click on a domain tab, such as **Physical Environment**, the rows will show each of the individual question items from which the domain is constructed, while the columns contain information on the distribution of student responses as well as the overall mean rating. The number in the total respondents' column represents the number of students who answered the item, in the example below it is **99**. Also, all potential response categories are tabulated in terms of both the raw number of students who selected a particular response option and the percentage of the total respondents who answered that way. In the example below, **26** students (or **26.3%**) strongly disagreed that the length of the school day was about right. You may note that the total sum of the raw scores from all available response categories should add up to the number of total respondents indicated in the table. The summed percentages from each response category should add up to approximately 100.0%. (Minor differences may occur due to rounding.) Additionally, since the response categories have numerical values associated with them a mean for the item can be calculated by summing all the individual responses and dividing by the total number of respondents. In this way, a higher or lower score can relate to either a more positive or negative school climate depending on the wording of the question. In this example, the mean ranges from 1 to 5, and is calculated as **2.82**, or very close to neutral.

			Response Category							
			1	2	3	4	5			
Question		Total	Strongly				Strongly	Mean		
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Rating		
1a	The length of the school	99	26	20	18	16	19			
la la	day is about right		26.3%	20.2%	18.2%	16.2%	19.2%	2.82		

#### **Reading the Overall Domain Score Sheet**

The domain scores sheet has been designed to produce a one-page summary of all domain scores, which is easily printed. Each domain is depicted and described in plain language in the **domain description** column. The **domain score** represents a value ranging from 0 to 100, which has been tabulated from the survey responses. A higher score represents a healthier, more positive school climate in that domain. In the example below, **Physical Environment** has been tabulated into a score of 46.9. The **domain score distribution** is a bar graph that depicts the distribution of individual student answers, grouped into deciles. Thus, if an individual student's survey scores a certain domain as 23, that student will be placed in the decile group between 20 and 30. The bar will be higher if more students place within that specified range, or lower if fewer students place within that range. In the example below, about 25% of students scored **Physical Environment** in the range between 30 and 40.



#### Precautions when using the Data Display Templates:

- 1. Use the "print preview" command to see the pages that will print before printing. This file should produce 14 pages of output. The last eight pages, from 7 to 14, are considered your report tables. Each table should be formatted properly for printing. You may want to first print the file as a PDF before printing from this Excel file. The PDF file can then be edited by deleting or adding pages for your report.
- 2. The template contains hidden formulas and is password protected.

School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students	2020-21
South Amboy Middle High School	DOMAIN: PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

				Res	ponse Cate	gory		
Question Number	Question Item	Total Respondents	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neutral	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Mean Rating
<b>1</b> a	The length of the school day is about right	357	16 <i>4.5%</i>	9 2.5%	72 20.2%	97 <i>27.2%</i>	163 <i>45.7%</i>	4.07
1b	I often do <u>not</u> have enough time to get from one class to the next	356	86 <i>24.2%</i>	54 <i>15.2%</i>	114 <i>32.0%</i>	57 16.0%	45 12.6%	2.78
1c	My school is kept clean	347	16 <i>4.6%</i>	13 <i>3.7%</i>	112 <i>32.3%</i>	100 28.8%	106 <i>30.5%</i>	3.77
1d	I like my school building	351	29 <i>8.3%</i>	22 6.3%	109 <i>31.1%</i>	87 <i>24.8%</i>	104 <i>29.6%</i>	3.61

School Climate Survey - Middle School and High School Students	2020-21
South Amboy Middle High School	DOMAIN: TEACHING AND LEARNING

				Res	onse Cate	gory		
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question		Total	Strongly				Strongly	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Rating
	ı	ı						
3a	My teachers give me a lot of encouragement	355	10	26	100	119	100	
			2.8%	7.3%	28.2%	33.5%	28.2%	3.77
3b	My teachers make learning interesting	356	19	28	120	102	87	
			5.3%	7.9%	33.7%	28.7%	24.4%	3.59
3c	My teachers encourage students to share their ideas about things we	354	8	14	109	119	104	
50	are studying in class		2.3%	4.0%	30.8%	33.6%	29.4%	3.84
3d	My teachers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know	351	13	21	93	114	110	
Su	about it		3.7%	6.0%	26.5%	32.5%	31.3%	3.82
3e	My teachers will help me improve my work if I do poorly on an	356	10	15	96	119	116	
3e	assignment		2.8%	4.2%	27.0%	33.4%	32.6%	3.89
3f	My teachers provide me with lots of chances to be part of class	356	7	9	93	124	123	
31	discussions or activities		2.0%	2.5%	26.1%	34.8%	34.6%	3.97
2-	NA. tarakan aftan araim kanan adak kalan arailara	353	29	37	117	88	82	
3g	My teachers often assign homework that helps me learn		8.2%	10.5%	33.1%	24.9%	23.2%	3.44
21-	My teachers will give me extra help at school outside of our regular	356	8	6	75	107	160	
3h	class		2.2%	1.7%	21.1%	30.1%	44.9%	4.14
r.	To a least a decide a la seconda de la secon	351	11	13	97	113	117	
5a	Teachers at my school treat students with respect		3.1%	3.7%	27.6%	32.2%	33.3%	3.89
<b></b>	Adults in this school are usually willing to make the time to give	353	6	18	97	113	119	
5k	students extra help		1.7%	5.1%	27.5%	32.0%	33.7%	3.91
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				Res	onse Cate	gory		
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question Number	Question Item	Total Respondents	Never	Seldom	Some- times	Often	Almost Always	Mean Rating
7-	Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you feel that	356	42	53	133	72	56	
7c	the school work you were assigned was meaningful and important?		11.8%	14.9%	37.4%	20.2%	15.7%	3.13

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South Amboy Middle High School	DOMAIN: MORALE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

				Res	ponse Cate	gory		
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question		Total			Some-		Almost	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Never	Seldom	times	Often	Always	Rating
7-	Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you enjoy	356	42	57	116	78	63	
7a	being in school?		11.8%	16.0%	32.6%	21.9%	17.7%	3.18
76	Thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you hate	354	44	61	121	82	46	
7b	being in school?		12.4%	17.2%	34.2%	23.2%	13.0%	3.07

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DOMAIN: MORALE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

				Res	ponse Cate	gory		
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question		Total	Strongly				Strongly	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Rating
	Students have lots of chances in my school to get involved in sports,	355	9	24	107	95	120	
8a	clubs, and other school activities outside of class		2.5%	6.8%	30.1%	26.8%	33.8%	3.83
8b	I have apportunities to express myself at school	352	19	26	131	98	78	
δÜ	I have opportunities to express myself at school		5.4%	7.4%	37.2%	27.8%	22.2%	3.54
8c	Students help decide what goes on in my school	353	27	38	137	80	71	
oc .			7.6%	10.8%	38.8%	22.7%	20.1%	3.37
8d	I wish I went to a different school	352	91	58	103	47	53	
ou	Wish i Went to a different school		25.9%	16.5%	29.3%	13.4%	15.1%	2.75
8e	In my school, students have lots of chances to help decide things, like	355	22	38	142	86	67	
00	activities and rules		6.2%	10.7%	40.0%	24.2%	18.9%	3.39
8f	I feel like I belong at this school	353	38	30	132	82	71	
OI .	Treer like i belong at this school		10.8%	8.5%	37.4%	23.2%	20.1%	3.33
8g	Teachers and other adults here listen to students' ideas about the	353	17	37	112	112	75	
ပုန	school		4.8%	10.5%	31.7%	31.7%	21.2%	3.54

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# 2020-21 DOMAIN: STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS

				Res	oonse Cate	gory		
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question		Total	Strongly				Strongly	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Rating
5b	Students in my school treat each other with respect	350	15	23	129	111	72	
30	Students in my school treat each other with respect		4.3%	6.6%	36.9%	31.7%	20.6%	3.58
5f	Students at this school are often bullied	352	112	87	95	28	30	
JI	Students at this school are often bullied		31.8%	24.7%	27.0%	8.0%	8.5%	2.37
Fα	Students at this school are often teased or picked on	351	88	87	107	38	31	
5g Students at this school are often teased or picked on		25.1%	24.8%	30.5%	10.8%	8.8%	2.54	
5h	Harassment, intimidation, and bullying by other students are a	354	127	66	92	37	32	
J11	problem at my school		35.9%	18.6%	26.0%	10.5%	9.0%	2.38

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			Response Category					
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question Number	Question Item	Total Respondents	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean Rating
8h	My family wants me to do well in school	354	6 1.7%	0 <i>0.0%</i>	49 13.8%	40 11.3%	259 <i>73.2%</i>	4.54
8i	My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done	353	14 4.0%	11 3.1%	55 <i>15.6%</i>	73 <i>20.7%</i>	200 56.7%	4.23
8j	My parents would punish me if they found out I skipped school	354	13 <i>3.7%</i>	8 2.3%	67 18.9%	54 <i>15.3%</i>	212 59.9%	4.25

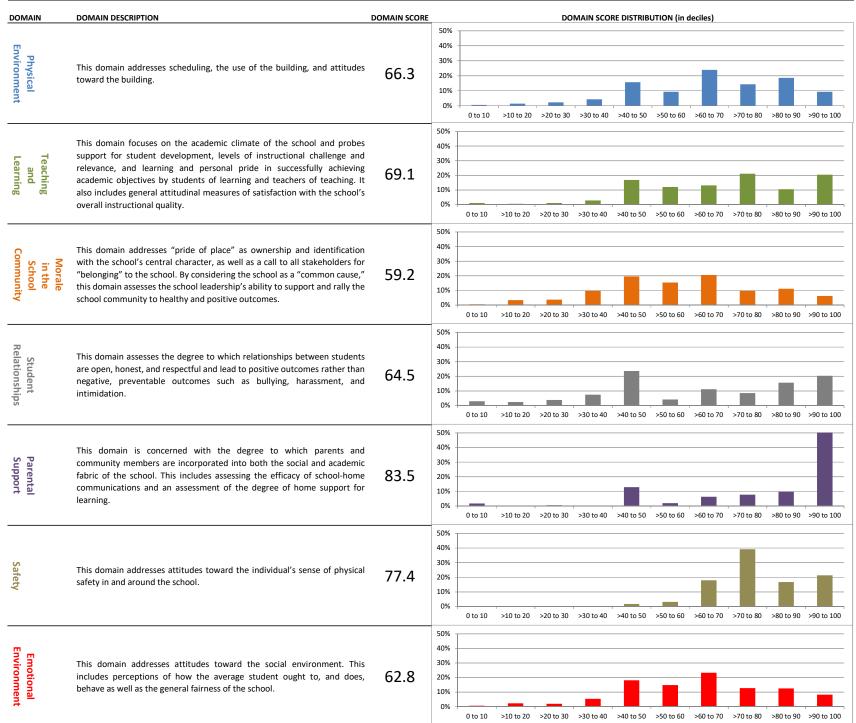
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South Amboy Middle High School	DOMAIN: SAFETY

				Response Category				
Question Number	Question Item	Total Respondents	1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neutral	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree	Mean Rating
5j	I sometimes stay home because I do <u>not</u> feel safe at school	353	192 54.4%	44 12.5%	75 21.2%	23 6.5%	19 5.4%	1.96

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Question		Total	1 Not	2 Some-	3 Mostly	4 Very	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Safe	what Safe	Safe	Safe	Rating
6a	How safe do you feel outside around the school?	355	0	72	141	142	2.20
6b	How safe do you feel in the hallways and bathrooms of the school?	355	<i>0.0%</i> 0	<i>20.3%</i> 0	39.7% 212	<i>40.0%</i> 143	3.20
	i i	355	<i>0.0%</i> 0	<i>0.0%</i> 0	59.7% 212	<i>40.3%</i> 143	3.40
6c	How safe do you feel in your classes?		0.0%	0.0%	59.7%	40.3%	3.40

				Res	ory			
			1	2	3	4	5	
Question		Total	Strongly				Strongly	Mean
Number	Question Item	Respondents	Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Agree	Rating
_		357	20	23	95	99	120	
1e	My school has clear rules and consequences for behavior.		5.6%	6.4%	26.6%	27.7%	33.6%	3.77
2-	Most students in my school do their best, even when their work is	357	17	36	150	89	65	
2a	difficult		4.8%	10.1%	42.0%	24.9%	18.2%	3.42
2b	Most students in my school do all their homework	355	24	62	137	82	50	
20	liviost students in my school do an their homework		6.8%	17.5%	38.6%	23.1%	14.1%	3.20
2c	Most students in my school think it is OK to cheat if other students are	356	70	90	119	38	39	
20	cheating		19.7%	25.3%	33.4%	10.7%	11.0%	2.68
2d	Most students in my school try to do a good job on schoolwork even	358	13	36	133	98	78	
20	when it is <u>not</u> interesting		3.6%	10.1%	37.2%	27.4%	21.8%	3.54
4a	Most students in my school are well-behaved	356	17	38	133	103	65	
14	West stadents in my school die wen benaved		4.8%	10.7%	37.4%	28.9%	18.3%	3.45
4b	Most students in my school do not really care about each other	354	41	82	133	59	39	
.~			11.6%	23.2%	37.6%	16.7%	11.0%	2.92
4c	Most students in my school help each other when asked	356	13	26	131	117	69	
	The state of the s		3.7%	7.3%	36.8%	32.9%	19.4%	3.57
4d	Most students in my school treat each other well	355	17	24	125	114	75	
. •			4.8%	6.8%	35.2%	32.1%	21.1%	3.58
5c	Students are treated fairly by the adults in the school	352	11	26	96	118	101	
	, ,		3.1%	7.4%	27.3%	33.5%	28.7%	3.77
5d	Most students in my school are easily able to work out disagreements	352	22	37	134	95	64	
	with other students		6.3%	10.5%	38.1%	27.0%	18.2%	3.40
5e	There are lots of chances for students in my school to talk with a	353	14	11	104	129	95	
	teacher one-on-one		4.0%	3.1%	29.5%	36.5%	26.9%	3.79
5i	Adults in this school apply the same rules to all students equally	352	24	32	107	97	92	
	,		6.8%	9.1%	30.4%	27.6%	26.1%	3.57
51	My teachers really care about me	357	12	16	110	101	118	
	,		3.4%	4.5%	30.8%	28.3%	33.1%	3.83



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